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Blues Mama

Auntie Kate (Cathy Roland) uses an accordion to help her belt out rhythm and blues. The former Salt Spring resident and local music

icon brought her energetic band to Moby's Pub this weekend. She is seen here playing to a full house on Valentine's Day.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Student survey reveals strong ice rink support

Recently-released survey figures from 580 Salt Spring students swings demand on the island to a closer balance between an ice rink and swimming pool, with more students choosing an ice rink as their first priority.

Of the 549 Gulf Islands Secondary School and middle school students questioned in the January Park, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC) survey, 47 per cent chose construction of an ice rink as their top priority, compared to 30 per

cent who named an indoor swimming pool as number one.

In an earlier survey of 620 adults, an indoor swimming pool was the top priority for 54 per cent of those responding. An ice rink came first for 34 per cent of respondents.

The shift was welcomed by Salt Spring Ice Park Society president Brian Little, who also sits on the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) indoor facility task force.

SURVEY 2

Toynbee chairs new funding drive

1998 is the year of ArtSpring for Salt Spring.

That's what the Island Arts Centre Society is expecting, announcing a Funding to the Finish campaign to complete ArtSpring by the end of the year.

The campaign has collected some notable names heading the spring drive to raise \$375,000.

Long-time ArtSpring supporters Robert and Birgit Bateman are honorary heads of the campaign while local businessman Tom Toynbee will be the chairman.

The society had hoped for a \$200,000 infrastructure grant but that program is still deadlocked over a disagreement between

Ottawa and B.C. over how to handle funding for cultural facilities.

Arts centre society board chairman Bob Weeden said no one knows when, or if, an infrastructure grant will be given to the project.

"Neither the society nor the community can wait forever," Weeden said. "We all want ArtSpring opened and this is the year to do it."

The society already has \$250,000 in firm pledges or funds — the additional \$375,000 will be enough money to complete the centre and operate it for the first year.

Campaign organizer Chris

Chapman says the all-out effort should be fun for everyone. A "We Can't Wait" party with island entertainers will kick off the drive. There will be tours of the centre, displays and special events.

Internationally-known nature photographer and traveller Art Wolfe will present a program on March 21, introduced by Robert Bateman.

A unique raffle will feature a series of draws for prints by island artist Jill Louise Campbell.

"We want this to be a festive time," Chapman said. "After all, the community will be pulling together to finish a marvelous facility for itself."

No place left to cut: school deficit climbs to \$900,000

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Faced with a deficit of up to \$900,000 this year, Gulf Islands School District's "bankrupt" budget may force the province to make changes in provincial education funding.

Last Wednesday the school board agreed to ask the Ministry of Education to allow the district to incur the \$900,000 deficit in the 1997-98 budget.

"How do we pay it back?" Salt Spring trustee Jane Parlee asked.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said there was no answer. "We talk to the ministry constantly and say, 'we're bankrupt, how do we deal with this?'"

Duncan said he has been told

that the bureaucrats realize the problem is structural — the province is not providing enough educational funding to allow districts to meet existing contractual agreements and continue operating.

Gulf Islands School District is the first in B.C. to reach a crisis but 25 districts are expected to reach the same point in the coming year, climbing to 40 the following year.

Duncan believes the Gulf Islands situation may be used to point out the structural inequity to the provincial government.

"I believe the ministry needs evidence to put to politicians," he

BUDGET 4

Five-student Saturna school will stay open

Saturna Elementary School will remain open for another year despite a Ministry of Education policy that schools with eight or fewer students should close.

Five students are currently enrolled at the school.

Trustees voted last Wednesday to keep the facility open for the 1998-99 school year, even if enrolment drops to as few as four students.

Depending on actual enrolment, closing the school would either save or cost the district \$20,000, reported superintendent Andrew Duncan. Given the school district's financial uncertainty, which could see a \$900,000 deficit budget this year, Duncan suggested waiting until overall operating issues are resolved before making a decision about the school.

"Until this fiscal crisis is passed, we are doing short-term planning," he noted.

If the school was closed, kindergarten to Grade 5 students from Saturna would either be home-schooled or take a water taxi to Mayne Island.

SATURNA 4

Indoor facility task force avoids getting off track with meeting

Some groups represented on the Salt Spring recreation commission's indoor facility task force fear their interests may be overlooked, following a survey which revealed strongest support for an indoor pool on the island.

Task force members got "bogged down" in discussing the implications of the survey at the task force's last meeting, Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) administrator Tony Hume reported at the commission's February 9 meeting.

Several commission members expressed concern that the task force could be drawn off-track by

the impact of survey results. They suggested arranging a meeting for the end of February between the entire task force, some commission members and resource people — such as operators of recreation complexes on Vancouver Island.

"That group needs to hear from people who have experience and knowledge to avoid getting off-track," Salt Spring regional director Kellie Booth remarked.

"I'm really hoping that we'll start to narrow the picture down at the indoor level," Hume said, adding that the costs of creating an arena and pool — and possibly a curling rink — are being

researched by the group.

Hume would like to see recommendations from the task force by the end of April.

"I think it's critical that when we reconvene the task force that it be quite focussed," he said, adding, "The group's still working hard and there's great interest there."

Another of the issues identified by the survey — the need to complete ArtSpring — was also echoed at the task facility's last meeting, Hume said. There is still a strong consensus among the volunteers that ArtSpring should be completed and operating this year.

SURVEY: Students support rink

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"It has to be looked at as virtually equal," he said. As a result, he feels a basic ice arena combined with a basic pool is what the island needs.

"We would never deny the island a pool," he said. "We feel that Salt Spring needs a recreational facility."

So do the students. In the more than 500 comments made by the students as part of the survey, the same message is repeated.

A recreation facility would be fun, give bored young people something to do and would eliminate the need to go off-island to skate or swim.

"Gives kids stuff to do on this secluded rock," one student wrote while another commented, "If there wasn't anything to do on Salt Spring, we would all go nuts and commit unthinkable crimes."

Several young people drew a link between boredom and drug use. One wrote, "I feel that we all have been so incredibly bored growing up, eventually we started to do drugs because of having nothing to do. I don't want my little brother influenced into all of that. I want him to have things to do."

Pat Mussell, an Ice Park Society member who heads the siting and cost committee for the task force, notes that 63 per cent of the adults responding to the earlier survey felt that there is not enough for young people to do on the island.

He agrees with Little that if the community can possibly afford it, both a swimming pool and an ice arena should be built. He points out that if demand for an ice rink and a curling rink is added together from the adult survey, the support equals that for the swimming pool.

However neither he nor Little are

sure the island can afford all three facilities. But they hope the task force finds a way to include both a pool and rink in its eventual recommendation to the PARC.

"If you combine them, costs are down and everyone is content. We feel a combined effort would be the way to go — it's a win-win," he noted.

He adds that student opinions shouldn't be discounted because in a few years the students will be in the work force and taxpayers.

"The Salt Spring Ice Park Society has always been more for the students than the adults," he observed. "Kids have a tough time. They feel they're trapped."

The students' comments reflected much of the frustration of feeling trapped on small island and included such observations as: "I think that if there were a rec centre on Salt Spring, people would become more active and more healthy"; "We don't want to be couch potatoes"; "... will keep kids occupied instead of being on the street and doing drugs"; "we, the kids, need a place to go where we can hang around and not have shopkeepers chase us away" and "because with nothing to do or go, the youth is forced outside, this creating more garbage and unfortunately more vandalism. It's not our fault we're bored out of our heads. Please give us stuff to do."

Although a number of students felt a recreation facility would make money — one even suggested it could fund the completion of ArtSpring — a few students opposed the idea, citing cost and the need to keep Salt Spring a rural community.

And one student came up with a unique reason against building a facility: "No, because we would trash it."

FIRE CALLS

Smoking chimneys drew Salt Spring firefighters out three times last week.

The first chimney fire was reported last Thursday at 1 p.m. at a home on McAllister Road; the second Friday at 2:05 p.m. at a home on Douglas Road; and the third on Monday at 9 p.m. at a home on Meyer Road.

There was no damage to any of the homes.

Weather

Wednesday: Mainly cloudy; chance of showers; windy. 40 per cent chance of precipitation. High 12.

Thursday: Periods of rain; windy. 100 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 6, high 12.

Friday: Periods of rain; windy. 80 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 4, high 11.

Saturday: Periods of rain; windy. 90 per cent chance of precipitation. Low 6, high 12.

Normal temperatures for the week: low 1, high 8.

FOR THE RECORD

A letter in the February 4 issue of the Driftwood contained an error which changed the meaning of letter writer Stephen Z. Ocsko's sentence.

The letter began "I am proud of the Hungarian social democratic movement." It should have read, "I am a product of the Hungarian social democratic movement."

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Marshall mediation proceeds

Mediation between parent Marilyn Marshall and the Gulf Islands School District proceeded last Friday.

Marshall has been prohibited from entering school district property without an appointment since April 1997. A mediator was requested in an effort to resolve long-standing problems between the parties.

Marshall reported that mediator Murli Pendharkar from Kamloops arrived on Salt Spring Thursday and met with Marshall and school officials, both separately and together, on Friday.

An interim report was also prepared.

Last week it appeared the mediation might be delayed after a charge of common assault was laid against Marshall February 5.



Not so seedy

Wendy Montana stands near her display of Flora Bunda Seeds which are ready for sale and exchange at Seedy Saturday. The event, sponsored by Island Natural Growers, drew numerous gardeners to All Saints By-the-Sea last weekend.

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The school bus driver noted the driver's licence plate number and alerted police to the offence. The driver was charged last week.

In other police news:

• Driver of a 1994 Chev pick-up was forced into a group of mailboxes causing \$3,000 worth of damage to his vehicle last week.

Police said the incident occurred as a 1992 Subaru exited Crofton Road, turned onto Lower Ganges Road and cut in front of the pick-up. A witness followed the Subaru, noting down the licence number.

Driver of the Subaru told police the driver of the Chev was going too fast and that it had been safe when he turned onto the road.

No charges were laid.

• The intersection at Central was the site of a two-car collision last Wednesday at about 7 p.m.

There were no injuries in the accident which occurred as a vehi-

RCMP REPORT

cle driven by a 16-year-old Salt Spring resident turned from Lower Ganges Road onto Vesuvius Bay Road and struck a southbound vehicle on Lower Ganges Road.

Driver of the second vehicle was a 50-year-old man, also of Salt Spring.

The 16-year-old has been charged with conducting an improper turn.

• An early morning single vehicle crash at the intersection of Dukes and Fulford Ganges roads resulted in damages under \$1,000 to a Chev Cutlass.

There were no injuries or charges laid in the incident which occurred at about 1:11 a.m. Sunday.

• Police are continuing their investigation into a two-car accident that took place on Fulford Ganges Road near Lees Hill Saturday at about 10 p.m.

Police say the incident occurred as a 17-year-old island girl, who was driving with only a learner's licence, slowed in the middle of the road as the second vehicle, driven by 24-year-old island man, came around a corner.

Both vehicles sustained over \$1,000 in damages.

Police say the female's vehicle, a 1969 Volkswagen van, was not insured, and its rear lights were not working.

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Purse-returning girl heartens woman

News stories often paint a negative picture of young people on Salt Spring Island. But Muriel Osburn had a different kind of story last week.

The Salt Spring resident was returning to her car after shopping at Thrifty Foods last Tuesday when she unwittingly dropped her change purse. When she

got to her car, a young girl came up and returned the purse.

Osburn was heartened by the honesty of the girl, who wouldn't take anything for returning the purse.

"There are lots of good kids on this island," Osburn concluded.

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School board and CUPE on side as union votes in favour of strike

They've got a contract they like but members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) still voted Saturday in favour of strike action to protest a decision by the B.C. Public Schools Employer's Association (BCPSEA).

And the school board is backing their position.

Union members, who fill maintenance, secretarial, para-professional and bus driver positions in the Gulf Islands School District, voted 89 per cent in favour of strike action.

But the vote doesn't mean a strike is imminent, stressed communications committee member Gordon Singbeil.

"A strike vote doesn't mean that we're walking out right away," he said. The vote was taken to back the bargaining committee which is now going into mediation with BCPSEA.

The local wants to uphold the contract negotiated between the school board and the CUPE local as of December 10.

"The board and Local 788 have bargained an agreement that both sides can live with but now BCPSEA is saying that our school district falls under different guidelines than the other three districts on southern Vancouver Island," Singbeil summarized.

The issue is not one of money, he said. The difference between the two guidelines is one-fifth of one per cent.

The issue is the ability of school boards and local unions to negotiate contracts. "We'd like to still have free collective bargaining," Singbeil said.



McKenzie

Board chairman May McKenzie said Monday, "We reached an agreement before Christmas but unfortunately the wage agreement that we reached did not fall within the BCPSEA mandatory framework."

The board was notified in mid-January.

"It's just a teeny amount of money," McKenzie said. The tiny wage increase was intended to be a show of good faith to CUPE members who had experienced cutbacks due to the district's budget crunch.

But under the BCPSEA ruling, even the symbolic increase was not allowed.

"The board and the union are on-side. They're together on this," McKenzie said.

McKenzie expects negotiations on the issue to continue.

The union represents 115 people. The strike vote can be acted upon any time in the next three months.

BUDGET: District may force changes

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said.

Either the Gulf Islands district will eventually be forgiven the deficit, which will be covered by the province, or the board will be dismissed and a public trustee hired to balance the budget regardless of the impact on the schools.

Pender trustee Russ Searle noted that the district is adhering closely to its budget. "We are not out of control, we are not a runaway train. It's a structural problem."

Duncan observed that current collective agreements were based on the district's income prior to the province's equalization program, which sucked money from the Gulf Islands. The school board has already made dramatic cuts — eradicating such "extras" as elementary counselling or school librarians which still exist in other school districts — before deciding

last year to go with the huge deficit rather than "trash" the district.

"We have no place left to cut," Duncan said.

Trustees also agreed with Duncan's recommendation to request an "efficiency advisory team" to analyze the district's budget. The advisory team program was announced by the Ministry of Education last fall as a way to help districts identify budget cuts.

"I don't think they're going to find significant places that they can cut money in the district," Duncan remarked, although he conceded a team might be able to find some "nickel and dime" savings.

Regardless, he felt, it would be politically advantageous for the district to request the team, in order to confirm that all possible cuts have been made. If the

Ministry of Education can look at the situation in the Gulf Islands school district and find a solution, it will then have a solution for all districts which will soon be in the same position, Duncan said.

But political action and structural change is needed, he added.

"Until funding and collective agreements tie together and match, we're going to have problems."

Parlee wondered if the district could cut the trustee budget, eliminating attendance at workshops or provincial meetings, as a way of demonstrating the board's willingness to balance the budget without hitting the classroom.

Searle said that as a "rookie trustee" he found the workshops useful in helping him handle the job. Parlee's suggestion was referred to the district's education advisory committee for further discussion.

SATURNA SCHOOL: Will stay open

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Another unresolved issue which could have an impact on the school is a proposal from some Galiano parents to change where Grade 8 and 9 students from Galiano attend school. At present they go to Mayne, switching to Gulf Islands Secondary School in Grade 10.

A survey of Galiano families revealed they were equally split, with half wanting a Grade 8 class on Galiano and students attending Grade 9 on Salt Spring. The remaining 13 families wanted Galiano students to attend Grade 8 on Mayne and Grade 9 on Salt Spring. One favoured Galiano students attending grades 8 and 9 on

Mayne Island.

Any decision also affects students on Mayne and Saturna so the Mayne Parents Advisory Council conducted a survey of all Mayne and Saturna parents with students in grades 4 to 9.

The survey showed strong support for the Grade 7-9 program at Mayne Elementary-Junior Secondary School. Parents representing 28 of the 32 students involved supported continuing the program. Parents of 25 of those students said they would like the Grade 9 program to continue on Mayne even if all Galiano students went to Salt Spring.

The board also received a letter from the Saturna Parents Advisory

Council supporting the Grade 7 to 9 program on Mayne Island.

Duncan noted another factor in Outer Islands education could be the idea of computer-based community learning centres on the islands, which is now being investigated.

Survey results were referred to the district's programs committee with a recommendation requested for the March 11 school board meeting.

Given the impact on water taxi routes and uncertainty over how education in the Outer Islands will be handled in the future, the secretary-treasurer was authorized to negotiate only a one-year extension to the water taxi contract.



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Doctors plan office closure

Fifteen Salt Spring physicians will participate in a cost-cutting campaign in March.

Most doctors have agreed to either close their offices on March 6, 13 and 31 to support a B.C. Medical Association (BCMA) action to reduce health care costs or, if they do work, not to bill the health plan for those days.

However, doctors will continue to provide emergency medical care, said Dr. Karen Berg, speaking on behalf of the 15 doctors associated with Lady Minto Hospital. The group includes all island physicians with practices listed in the phone book except Dr. Ron Puhky and Dr. Donald MacGregor.

Berg explained that the provincial government has placed a spending cap on how much doctors can bill the province for medical care. This spending cap does not allow for population growth, an aging population, the cost of sophisticated technology or the public demand for health care.

"Physicians are to absorb the difference between the money the government wants to spend and the amount of health care the population requires," Berg noted.

The result has been a government "clawback" on payments to physicians, a move which Berg notes has never been approved by the physicians.

The government has refused to negotiate with the BCMA on the issue, she added. The three-day office closures are an attempt to cut medical costs.

Berg pointed out doctors are not paid for telephone consultations, telephone renewal of prescriptions, annual physical exams or physical exams required by drivers, paperwork required for insurance, sick leave or travel, anxiety or stress counselling or preventative medicine, such as counselling to help people stop smoking or lose weight.

She also pointed out that doctors are not paid to be available for emergencies, even in small communities where specialists are available 24 hours a day and doctors may be on call almost constantly.

"The doctor's strike in northern B.C. is drawing attention to this," Berg observed. "We are in support of the physicians in northern B.C. but are not contemplating strike action at this time."

Berg added that patients who want to know how their doctor will be handling the three-day closure should contact their doctor's office.



Parker Island ferry
A Windsor Plywood truck backs on to a landing barge at Quebec Drive Thursday with a load of lumber bound for Parker Island. Two barge loads of both lumber and cement trucks were towed to Parker for the construction of a new home.

Photo by Tony Richards

Commission programs offered funding support

Support for parks and recreation projects on Salt Spring sprang up repeatedly at the February 9 Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting.

At the start of the meeting, Bob Rush of the Salt Spring Foundation contributed \$500 to the Ganges public pathway project.

Administrator Tony Hume reported that PARC is working with Salt Spring's salmon enhancement society towards a \$100,000 Youth Services Canada grant, which will employ 10 young people and a supervisor for 24 weeks to work on island pathway and park projects.

The PARC has set aside \$10,000 towards the project, Hume said.

He also updated commission members on plans for the Moutat Park caretaker cottage, which will be built by students from Gulf

Islands Secondary School. The cottage is expected to cost approximately \$30,000. Hume said substantial support and donations for the project are coming from the community.

The cottage should be completed by the end of May, Hume said. He said tenders will be issued for the caretaking contract in the park.

Another co-operative venture is working towards a demonstration bike lane around Portlock Park in conjunction with Island Pathways.

The commission has allocated \$5,000 to support cycling on the island and has also approved the Portlock Park project in principle, subject to a consensus between the highways ministry, the RCMP, the Islands Trust and its transportation committee.

At the February 9 meeting, the PARC approved Island Pathways' request for \$400 to carry out a survey of the proposed bike lane.

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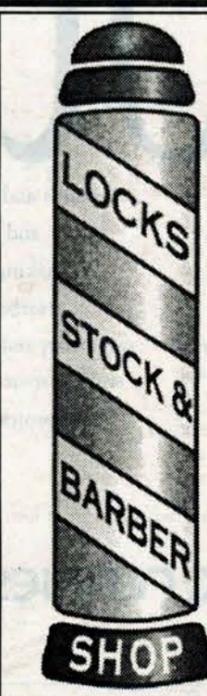
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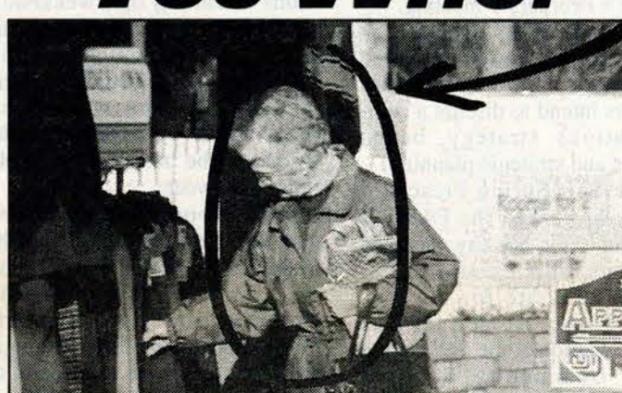
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Community arts council wants PARC to take on hall

A deadline was set at last Wednesday's school board meeting to help settle the future of Mahon Hall.

The hall is now owned by the district but has been offered to the Islands Farmers Institute, which owned it for a period of time more than 50 years ago.

Trustees agreed to give the institute until the May 13 board meeting to report back on whether the group will take on the property.

The institute has struck a committee to review the costs of upgrading and operating the heritage community hall. That committee is due to report back to the institute in early May.

The board decision was prompted by a letter from Gulf Islands Community Arts Council president Lawrie

Farmers institute will debate Mahon Hall's future until May

Neish, expressing the council's objection to the hall being given to the farmers institute.

Neish argued that the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) is a better recipient for the hall since the primary use of the hall has been for artistic events and part of PARC's mandate is to support the arts.

"The council firmly believes that when the hall is returned that it should be returned to an entity which is the representative of all the community and not to an organization which represents but one comparatively small section of the island population and whose mandate is far removed from

the prime usage of the hall — cultural activities," Neish stated in his letter.

Neish added that it is through the efforts of the arts council over the past 30 years "that the hall can be returned to the community in its present comparatively good condition."

In the late '60s the hall was "approaching derelict status," he observed.

At the February 9 PARC meeting, commission members Neish, Bill Curtin and Barry Urquhart all questioned a requirement that only members of the institute were able to sit on the institute's committee to determine whether the hall should be taken over by the Islands Farmers Institute, argu-

ing that meant the wider community was not represented.

However, on Friday, Farmers Institute president Chris Schmah said four people who had applied to be on the committee had also joined the institute in order to become eligible.

He saw no reason for institute membership to be controversial for a committee which is deciding on a major commitment for the institute.

"We feel the people who are going to sit on this committee should become members of the institute," Schmah said. That way, they can become familiar with the group and have additional background when contributing to the committee's

recommendation.

At the PARC meeting, chairman Malcolm Legg pointed out the PARC is not involved in the Mahon Hall issue and will not become involved unless the institute decides not to take over the hall.

"The ball is definitely in the farmers institute court," Curtin remarked. He added that the group is a "marvelous institution" and will undoubtedly run the hall well if institute members take on the task. However, he also noted the hall will require a lot of work, including a new roof, upgraded plumbing and foundation.

After a short discussion, PARC members asked for a report back on the issue by their spring workshop, slated for February 28.

Malcolm Legg remains commission chairman

Malcolm Legg was returned as chairman of the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) and Malcolm McLean was returned as vice-chairman for the coming year in elections held at the commission's February 9 meeting.

Next on the PARC agenda is an all-day spring workshop slated for February 28. Commission members intend to discuss a communications strategy, beach accesses and strategic planning.

The Salt Spring Preschool Society has asked the PARC if the commission has any occupied buildings which could be relocated as a site for the preschool. The school must leave its current location at the Salt Spring Island Community Services building by the end of June 1999, due to expanding needs of the community services society. Commission members agreed to have staff review existing buildings and respond to the society's request.

A tentative request to rent all of Mouat Park over the May 16

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and 17 Victoria Day weekend to provide camping space for soccer teams attending that weekend's tournament was referred to the PARC's park planning committee. Issues raised include the cost, security and the wisdom of reserving the park for one group on one of the busiest long weekends of the year.

All properties owned and rented out by the PARC will be reviewed by commission members Jamie Squier and Barry Urquhart and staff members Martin Milner and Tony Hume in order to determine how each of the properties should be managed.

As of June 1, Hume noted the commission takes possession of a property on Rainbow Road, bringing the number of rental houses owned by PARC to three. Hume observed that all are older homes and require maintenance.

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Project Love

The sale of cookies on Valentine's Day helped Salt Spring Island Middle School students raise \$193.38 towards school supplies for students in Mozambique in a program called Project

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Photo by Valerie Lennox

Ferry to wait 15 minutes

A directive to cut overtime by limiting how long the Skeena Queen can wait for throughfare passengers from Tsawwassen almost left some Salt Spring residents stranded Friday night.

The travellers were already on the 7 p.m. sailing from Tsawwassen when they were advised that the ferry was running late and the last sailing of the Skeena Queen would not be held for them.

B.C. Ferries spokeswoman Valerie Douglas said travellers would normal-

ly be given the option of taking route nine at the ticket booth in Tsawwassen if the sailing to Swartz Bay was late. Because some travellers had been in line waiting for the 5 p.m. and then the 6 p.m. sailing, that option was not offered.

Douglas said the decision was made by the master of the Skeena Queen to wait for the passengers. Douglas said the ferry is to wait no more than 15 minutes for the connecting sailing.

Lost students explained

Questions about the loss of 26 students from Gulf Islands Secondary School during the first semester were answered at last Wednesday's school board meeting with a report from principal Eric McMahon.

Of the 26, 12 had moved, one was an exchange student who returned home, two had re-enrolled, two went to work, one graduated and three elected distance education or home study.

He had no explanation for the other five. Trustee Jane Parlee wondered if an alternate high school would help keep students in school. She suggested doing "exit interviews" to determine why students were leaving the high school.

McMahon said the semester system tends to encourage dips and surges in enrolment.

School district approves capital budget changes

Renovation and addition costs for Fulford Elementary School were \$917,585 less than expected, allowing the district to reduce the amount borrowed for that capital project.

"The quotes to build the project came in way below what was expected," district secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold said.

At last Wednesday's board meeting, trustees approved an amendment to the district's 1994-95 capital plan reflecting those savings.

Trustees also approved a \$47,000 capital project to remove materials containing asbestos from Salt Spring Elementary School and a \$150,400 capital expenditure to replace the Salt Spring elementary's boiler with a heat pump system.

Better control over students gathering on a closed section of Kanaka Road was behind a request from Salt Spring Island Middle School parents advisory council that the school district lease the section of road. The stretch of road is used by skateboarders from both schools, but parents were concerned there is no supervision over the students since the road is Department of Highways property.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan noted that leasing the road would make the district legally liable for all activities on the road. The issue was referred to the board's operations committee.

The potentially controversial McCreary adolescent health survey was approved by the Gulf Islands school district to be dis-

tributed to Gulf Islands Secondary School and Salt Spring Island Middle School students.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said two-thirds of the districts in the province are participating in the survey, which focuses on potential health risks to adolescents. Some parents may find some of the questions controversial and they will be able to have their children opt out of the survey, Duncan noted.

Trustee Jane Parlee suggested parents be given a chance to look at the survey questions the night before the survey is administered.

Duncan also suggested counselors be available when the survey is given in case the survey questions trigger questions or concerns among individual students.

Trustees agreed that a cycling tour could use Gulf Islands Secondary School for an overnight stay in July at a cost of \$40 per person.

Board members approved Mayne Elementary-Junior Secondary principal Ken Trotman's request for a year-long leave-of-absence. Since Trotman does not want to return to an administrative position, board members agreed to discuss finding a new principal at their March meeting.

Pender trustee Russ Searle reported that province-wide assessment tests for Grades four, seven and 10 in reading, writing and math will be annually or semi-annually and individual results returned to the district. The tests had been conducted every few years.

Firearms discussion held at gun club's annual meeting

An update on firearm regulations and information on firearm safety was featured at the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club last Wednesday.

Both topics were covered by guest speaker Const. Paul Seymour of the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

At the meeting Alan Gear was elected president, Don Harrison

was elected vice-president and Anne Harrison was elected secretary-treasurer.

Directors-at-large for the coming year are Cam Cartwright and Ken Tara.

Ellen Bennett was appointed recording secretary.

Approximately 25 members attended the meeting, held at the group's clubhouse on Long Harbour Road.

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OPINION

Are we ready for recreation facility . . .

Surveys suggest Salt Spring Islanders want to dive right into an indoor swimming pool project but are they willing to put property taxes behind the project?

That's one question members of the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) must be asking after two surveys showed approximately 80 per cent of those responding favoured building a recreation facility on Salt Spring.

The jury is still out on what such a facility would include. Adults surveyed tended to favour a swimming pool: students an ice rink. The deciding factor will likely be cost and that will not be known until the PARC indoor facility task force completes its research.

We suspect the support among voting taxpayers might be stronger for a pool than an ice rink: a pool tends to serve a broader demographic base and warm water is a touch kinder to aging bodies than ice.

None of this is new ground. Referendums to build an indoor swimming pool on Salt Spring have been held twice and were defeated both times.

Nor are the results of the most recent survey markedly different from the 1992 survey which preceded development of the commission's current master plan.

From a survey of 492 residents in 1992, the PARC learned that 53.3 per cent of respondents felt the island needed an indoor swimming pool and 26 per cent favoured an ice skating arena.

Five years later a survey of 620 residents showed 54 per cent favouring an indoor pool as the top priority — with 63 per cent citing a pool as something needed on the island — and 34 per cent favouring an ice rink as the top priority. An ice rink was cited as a needed facility on the island by 44 per cent.

In 1992 a majority of residents indicated support for tax increases to pay for the facility: in 1997, a majority of residents also backed tax increases to finance a new facility. The main difference between the two surveys is numbers. More residents were surveyed on the tax increases this time, so the approval of 80 per cent of those surveyed for tax increases becomes more significant.

But 80 per cent of 620 residents is just a sampling of the island. How much the sample reflects the opinion of every voter will only be determined by a referendum. The referendum result will also hinge on two factors that are still not resolved, the type of facility to be built and the cost.

But this time, we're a bit more hopeful that a referendum might pass.

In the last decade, a number of factors have changed. First, more and more people are aware of the importance of physical fitness in improving health and longevity. Island demographics put much of the population at 40-plus, an age when personal mortality tends to raise its head, sparking interest in better maintenance of the once-considered-invincible body. When it comes to a choice between death and taxes, taxes are apt to win out.

In addition, the existing outdoor pool, limited as it is, has proved that islanders love to swim. There is a thriving swim club, school-based swim lessons, aqua-fit classes, fitness and recreational swimmers, all testifying that an indoor facility on the island would not sit empty.

Twice before islanders have been asked to support an indoor recreation centre on Salt Spring and turned it down. Perhaps this time we'll be luckier, with voters finally ready to take the plunge.

. . . once ArtSpring is completed?

The Island Arts Centre Society's upcoming Funding to the Finish campaign for ArtSpring will likely be regarded with skepticism by some islanders. Have we not heard this before, they will ask, and not without some justification.

However, the recruitment of a respected local businessman to head up the campaign might just be all that is required for the final push to complete the building.

By agreeing to serve as chairman of the campaign, Tom Toynebee adds validity and credibility to a project which must be finished.

Despite the high hopes with which the project was launched almost a decade ago, ArtSpring stands unfinished, a testament either to great vision or a foolish propensity to dream, depending on your perspective. Perhaps the design was a bit too ambitious, perhaps the original promises too extravagant for what a community of fewer than 10,000 could accomplish.

But completion is close. Just \$375,000 stand between what has been accomplished by successful fundraising, a host of volunteer hours and effort, and a facility that all Salt Spring residents will be able to enjoy. The coming events column in every Driftwood testifies to how much the island needs and will use this facility.

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Advertising campaign won't help image of money-grabbing banks

By MIKE PRICE

So how many of us have seen that new television sitcom called, I understand, Your Bank is your Friend?

The first episode consists mainly of an earnest young MBA admitting that, perhaps, the banks haven't been explaining themselves very well, but they're really such warm, fuzzy people. No, really — accompanied by a series of warm fuzzy images that have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with banking or finance by any stretch of anyone's imagination. The whole schmooze cost a cool \$20,000,000 — small change, really, when you consider those billion-dollar annual profits.

It won't work, of course. People are just too far gone in cynicism. If you polled a hundred or so "average Canadians" with the question, "How much do you trust your bank?" the answer you would get would be somewhere between a used-car salesman and the wild-eyed gentleman you find climbing in through your bedroom window clutching a meat cleaver, and I can't see that any amount of warm fuzzies is going to change that; not when weighed against the popular perception of excessive profits, staff downsizing, lack of concern for people's real financial needs and all those niggly little service charges.

Not for nothing do we laugh at the old stereotype that says the only way to get a bank to lend you money is to prove that you don't actually need it. Unless, of course, you happen to be the brutal military dictator of some basket case of a Third World republic with no resources and 300 per cent annual inflation, in which case, apparently, the banks will be falling all over themselves offering multi-billion dollar loans with no security and not a snowflake's chance in hell of them ever being repaid. Now there's something that could stand a modicum of explanation.

There are some things, though, that the banks seem strangely unwilling to explain. Consider, for example: A bank manager can probably think up a



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couple of hundred reasons why he or she can't lend you any money, but have you ever heard of a bank manager saying, "I'm sorry, we can't lend you any money, we don't have enough money on deposit to cover the loan?" It simply never happens, of course. And the reason it never happens is that they don't need to.

It is not generally known that a bank is legally permitted to lend out up to eight times as much money as it actually has on deposit. What this means is that, if by some devious shenanigans you actually manage to have your loan application approved for your new car or your business or your latest crack shipment, whatever; when your bank manager signs the deal he is in effect creating money out of thin air.

This, you must admit, is quite a trick. To begin with, no money exists. Then, by the mere act of the wizard (sorry, I mean bank manager, of course) inscribing a wiggly, mystical sigil on a scrap of paper — poof! Abracadabra! Suddenly \$10,000 has been created out of nothing. I have to admit that I wish I knew a trick or two like that.

The thing is, though, they expect you to pay them back in real money. If you write them a cheque for your loan payment and it turns out that you only have an eighth of the requisite amount in

your account, they won't be amused at all. What this also means, of course — and this they really don't want you to know — is that even if they didn't charge any interest, or for that matter even if they paid you to take out the loan, the banks would still be making a profit. It takes some pretty cute creative accounting to make it seem that their profits are actually as low as they claim them to be.

If their \$20-million advertising campaign actually succeeds in explaining why they feel obliged to charge 12 per cent on money created in a puff of smoke, I'll be impressed; but I'm not holding my breath.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

People are just too far gone in cynicism.

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Journalist took action while others just talked

VICTORIA — When our son Roderick died suddenly these two years ago, one of the first to call me to offer emotional support was Jerry MacDonald. Jerry was the editor of the Quesnel Cariboo Observer for years. Jerry was a newspaperman's newspaperman. No, he was more. Jerry had no time for the destructive cynicism that seems to be a job requirement for most journalists these days.

When the February 4 issue of the Observer arrived at my desk in the press gallery in Victoria, the first thing that caught my eye was a picture of Jerry on the front page. My first

CAPITAL COMMENT HUBERT BEYER



thought was that he snared yet another journalism award. It was not to be. The story that went with the picture of a smiling Jerry informed me that he was dead. Jerry had collapsed on the ice while refereeing a senior hockey game between the Quesnel Kangaroos and the Williams Lake Stampeders.

Jerry was a fabulous writer. His style was eloquent, incisive and what comes most difficult to any writer, he could use humour to get his point across.

What set Jerry apart from most other journalists was that he often put his actions where most others' mouths are. When in spite of his most biting editorials and columns, the local school board wasn't run to his satisfaction, he ran for it and won.

Like few other journalists I have known, Jerry was always involved in his community. Perhaps that's what sets community newspapers apart from the soulless big-city papers. Detached criticism comes easy. Backing up criticism by setting a good example is a little more difficult.

Jerry liked a good party. For years, we would meet at the annual convention of the British Columbia and Yukon Community Newspaper Association, where he and the paper under his stewardship would regularly clean up on awards. And later, we would party. And great parties they were.

Today, my heart goes out to Jerry's wife and his three children. You lost your husband and father far too early. I know it isn't fair. I also know from personal experience that the searing pain will sooner or later give way to a more bearable sorrow.

One of these days, you will catch yourselves laughing about something Jerry did or said. And your hearts will be rejoicing in the memories he left behind. You will still cry, but not as often. You will still be sad, but life will once again assert itself. And that's how it should be.

And Jerry, wherever you are, you'll find there's always room for you at the inn. You were not only a good newspaperman, you were a good man.

The same day I found out about Jerry's death, I met dozens of people whose paths had crossed mine for a few years, then branched off again into different directions.

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Parliament Buildings' completion, all former MLAs had been invited to a special one-day session to honour their contribution to the province.

Unless you're a complete cynic, you can't help but form a bond with some of the people about whom you write, the MLAs who come to Victoria to do the people's business for a few years and then disappear again, either defeated or retiring voluntarily.

I hadn't seen Tony Brummet, education minister until 1991, for years. An honest and solid man, Tony was the stuff good politicians are made of.

There was Cyril Shelford, agriculture minister in the cabinet of W.A.C. Bennett. Again, politicians just don't come any better than Cyril, who has turned his talents to writing books about life in the North. From Snowshoes to Politics is worthwhile reading for anyone who's under the mistaken impression that British Columbia revolves around Vancouver and Victoria.

Bill Hartley, public works minister under Dave Barrett, dropped in for the celebration. Now nearly blind, Bill has a hard time seeing the splendor of the Parliament Buildings over whose renovations he presided.

There isn't enough space to list all the former MLAs, many of whom I am proud to call friends to this day, but it was good to see them all.

Extreme sorrow and great pleasure in one day. That's life.

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More letters

Defend penguins

I would like to respond to last week's letter critical of penguins. I suspect your correspondent has not thoroughly examined the habits of the maligned species.

A few penguins are found on Salt Spring, specifically the species *aptenodytes insulae mormonenses*. They have been known to change plumage when their life situation warrants it, however, novice bird-watchers may find it difficult to identify the species without its distinctive feathers. Individuals of the species I have observed are earnest and sincere; they in no way impose themselves, unlike the more familiar cowbird, *molothrus ater*. (There are a significant number of these on Salt Spring, willing to leave the prime care of their young to others.)

Penguins are known for their caring ways, especially towards the young. Male penguins take their responsibilities as seriously as do the females. They have been known to put up with physical discomfort and personal privation to do what they believe or know to be best. Local penguins have been seen several days a week caring for young at Core Inn. They alter their plumage for sports and cooking activities, but their telltale caring attitude belies the change in feathers.

We have few penguins on Salt Spring. Just as we care for our ardeola herodias by providing space for heronries, we should make sure to provide our *aptenodytes insulae mormonenses* with an hospitable habitat.

IRENE WRIGHT,
Mount Belcher Heights

No debate

Thank you for the Driftwood report concerning MAI Day to be held on Salt Spring March 14.

There is one error, however, which needs correcting.

It is not our intention to present a pro versus con debate on the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment. There will not be one person attacking and another defending the treaty. Rather, there will be accurate information given and questions and discussions promoted.

Among others, we have invited our Member of Parliament, Gary Lunn, to present his views and we hope he will accept.

BOB WILD,
for the MAI Day
sponsoring group

Viable halls

Regarding your February 11 editorial on the future of Mahon Hall, there are three other community halls on Salt Spring Island, all run by their respective communities.

Is there something special about these other communities that cannot be duplicated by the Ganges area, including the Islands Farmers Institute?

What a shame to have to rely on Victoria-based, government branches in order to maintain and run our own heritage building.

Granted, the south end halls are not quite as old, but Central Hall is older and still in very usable condition. We may not all agree on ways to raise money in order to keep the old halls viable but that is one of the difficulties that must be faced in this time of money restraint. Surely we can tolerate ArtCraft during the summer when most other organizations are having a rest from their weekly classes and events.

Let us all get behind the farmers institute and the Ganges community group and encourage them to take on the task of keeping Mahon Hall in the community, with our participation and monetary assistance.

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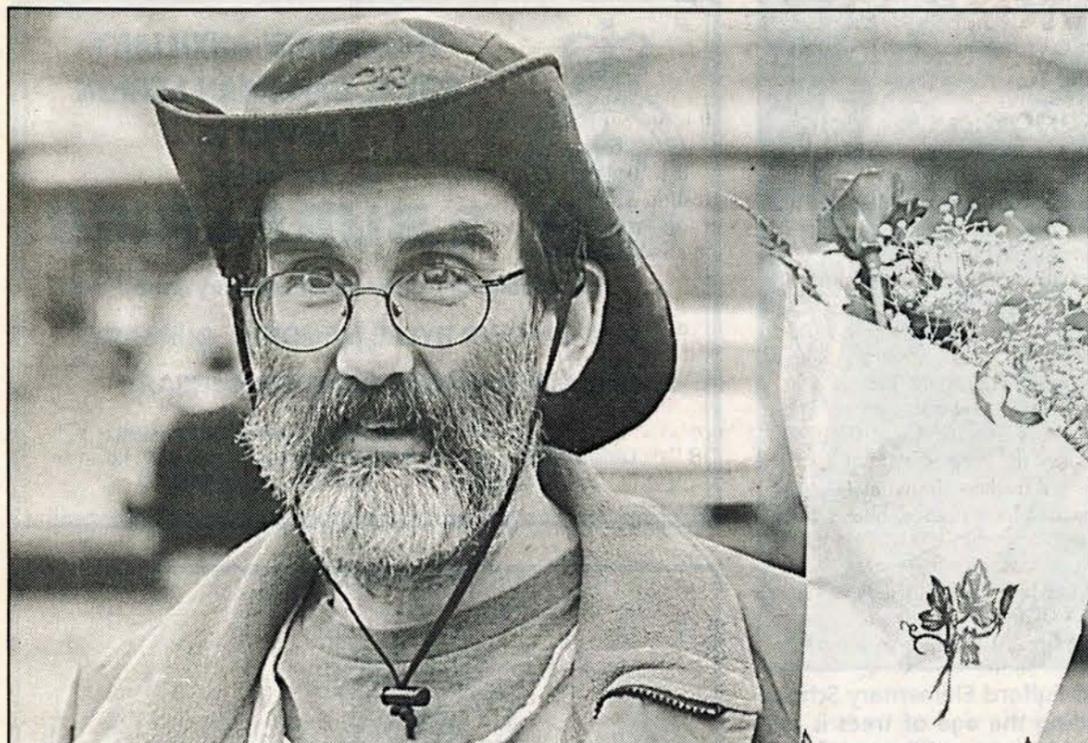
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Valentine's Day romantic

Doug Kent is spotted in town carrying a red rose purchased on Valentine's day for his wife Diane. Flowers, cards, dinners out — islanders found numerous ways to celebrate love in their lives.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Wildlife centre volunteer works with oil spill birds in Vancouver

A Salt Spring woman joined dozens of volunteers in Vancouver last week, cleaning and caring for oil-sticky birds caught in a canola oil spill which occurred in the Lower Mainland about 10 days ago.

Linda Wells, who works at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre on Salt Spring, travelled last Wednesday to the Pacific National Exhibition forum building, where she tube-fed ducks, hauled water and participated in the "amazing" techniques used to wash oil from birds.

"It was quite an education," she said Monday.

Vancouver-area volunteers, who had been working 12-hour shifts since the previous Saturday, were exhausted by the time Wells and other out-of-town volunteers arrived, she recalled.

The exhaustion is not surprising considering the amount of work each bird demanded.

As Wells explained, all birds were weighed, checked for parasites, tagged and placed in pet carriers while they awaited the washing process.

Three people, a bowl of soapy water and lots of patience were needed during the cleaning process.

One person held the bird, a second kept a close watch on water temperature, poured cool water over the bird's head and removed soap suds from the water. A third volunteer, specifically trained in the technique, used a cupped hand to force soapy (but suds-less) water up under the bird's feathers. A soft toothbrush was used to clean the bird's neck and head, and the process continued until the water was clear.

"For some birds this meant four washes," Wells said. "I don't know how they survived it."

Each bird was then rinsed and sprayed until its feathers were dry.

"If there was any sign of a wet feather at any point," she said, "the bird was sent back to be washed again."

A wet feather allows water to seep into a bird's down, increasing its chances of dying from hypothermia or drowning.

Washed birds were placed above heat lamps on drying racks for three hours or more while they awaited space in one of the plastic wading pools, also heated with lamps and covered with nets.

Here the birds had a chance to preen before moving to bigger pools without heat lamps. At each

stage volunteers carefully checked for any sign of wet feathers. The birds were also tube-fed three times a day.

By the time Wells left Friday, volunteers had washed 214 birds collected from Burrard Inlet, Stanley Park, English Bay and Iona Island Regional Park. They had released 89 fowl and still had 129 to deal with. About 150 birds were found dead on the beaches.

While Wells dealt mostly with ducks, other oil-covered birds were also found, including an eagle which survived and a cormorant which did not live.

Thousands of towels, including a collection from Salt Spring Centre School, were sent to the site at volunteers' request. Used to wrap the birds and line the pet carriers, towels were used at almost every stage, Wells noted: "We went through them like crazy."

In addition to responding quickly with towels, community members also behaved generously toward volunteers such as Wells, who was flown to Vancouver half-price by Harbour Air, and given a dramatically-reduced rate at a Vancouver hotel.

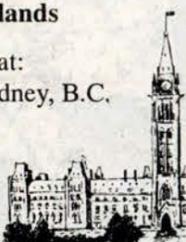
"It was a real learning experience," Wells said.



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COUNTING THE YEARS: Erica Cronin, left, Callum Gunn and Donald Gunn watch as Jean Brouard examines the sample extracted from an arbutus tree at Fulford Elementary School. Guessing and finding the age of trees is one activity of the school's nature club.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

Forester and biologist parents join children in nature club

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

At Fulford Elementary School on Mondays during lunch hour, it's not only a time to take a break from studies. There's a sense of intense investigation taking place.

Children finding the age of a curvaceous arbutus, sniffing out the sole hemlock in a stand of fir and cedar, planting a "live classroom" or sorting the edible wild mushroom from its noxious counterpart — these are a few of the things the school's nature club has undertaken with enthusiasm since September.

About 30 students in kindergarten through Grade 5 open their eyes to the natural world around them through the club with parent volunteers and teacher Wendy Vine.

Some of those parents happen to be biologists and foresters.

Jean Brouard is a forester who knows the importance of children learning about the habitat in their "back yards."

Like the ease with which young children learn new languages, Brouard points out, "The best place to learn about nature is in kindergarten — or before."

They have the interest to learn, he says, and are "very receptive to a lot of ideas."

Brouard, his wife Sally John and their daughter Eleanor are all involved in the club. John, who is also a forester who worked in the forest industry for a long time, said participating in a school activity has other benefits.

"We receive so much from our community, it's very important to us to be contributing as well."

The nature club kids have been keen and say they like being involved.

As Brouard and some students took turns boring into an arbutus near the school on a sunny January day, everyone's attention was focussed on the task at hand. Parent Donald Gunn recorded the guesses of their group and everyone awaited the outcome to see how close they were. Erica Cronin's guess of 43 years old came closest to the 41 rings counted — which students saw were larger near the tree's core.

That arbutus, a willow tree and ocean spray bush have all been "adopted" by one sub-group.

Another group led by biologist Kate McEwen have put a particular cedar tree under its collective microscope. On that same January day, they spent their time measuring the tree and estimating its

height, while at least one girl did a detailed sketch of it. They will keep track of the tree's growth, do bark rubbings and shake its boughs to see what insects huddled there, among other activities.

McEwen says working with the children in small groups, which is possible when parents volunteer, fosters "an intimate relationship between children and nature."

Children will also be watching the development of their "living classroom," which has "walls" made of 91 cedar saplings donated by Cathy Cook of Pacific Forest Products. Texada Logging also provided the protective tubes and stands.

Acorns have been sprouted, and camas bulbs planted, and club members have learned about waterfowl from the flocks at Fulford Harbour.

Brouard said another activity the kids were excited about involved attempts to identify trees using all senses, including smell and taste, rather than just looking at their cones, bark or needles.

Brouard also notes how nature club activities have been integrated with other parts of the children's lives. Not long after they did a mushroom identification walk and

took spore prints, for example, the school produced the Nutcracker Suite. Growing from the imagination of one club member into the production was a beautiful mushroom costume.

They have also planted a spruce tree in memory of their fellow student Jesse Hughes, who died suddenly in early December.

Louise Doucet is another volunteering parent who is pleased to see children have access to a "more enriching" activity than is available in the regular school curriculum. Their search for the only hemlock growing around Fulford school resembled a treasure hunt as they looked for its cones on the ground nearby.

Because she does not have particular expertise in biology or related fields, Doucet says, "I learn just as much as the kids do."

She adds, "I think the kids really like it, too."

As a bonus, in December the club received first prize in the under-10 age category of a nature contest sponsored by the Royal B.C. Museum in Victoria. The children used mainly natural materials such as fir and pine cones, twigs, rocks, lichen, nut shells and sea shells to create a variety of animal figures.



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Slashers smash team 8-0

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Bank of Montreal Slashers 8,
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After playing 90 minutes of soccer the previous weekend and not scoring a single goal, Slashers fans wondered if the girls had forgotten how to score. But their fans had little to worry about Sunday as the girls rediscovered their touch in overwhelming Gordon Head 8-0.

As everyone knows, scoring goals is critical to winning soccer games. It is something the local girls were quite adept at all season long until their cup loss to Cordova Bay, and scoring goals will be critical if the girls hope to retain first place in league standings.

Fortunately, it only took 10 minutes before Molly Lynesford slipped through the Gordon Head defence to give the Slashers a quick lead and start the dismembering of Gordon Head's defence.

Kyla Dares and Tanisha Van Pelt followed with goals to give the Slashers a 3-0 half-time lead, and after Dares scored her second early in the second half, the flood gates really opened.

Goals from Launi Legg, another from Dares and another pair from Van Pelt and the Slashers had all but buried Gordon Head.

With only three games left, against Oak Bay, Cordova Bay and Juan de Fuca, hopefully the girls have saved a few goals for these key league encounters.

But before resuming the chase to the top, the girls will have a tough challenge this weekend in playing the Lower Island U-16 Metro Selects, coached by Salt Spring's premier coach Sue Spencer, on Salt Spring this Sunday (time and field to be announced — you can call me at 537-4970 if you need details).

The match-up will be a great warm-up for the Slashers in preparing them for their three biggest games of the season.

Baseball volunteers offer help

Minor league baseball is in the 1998 sports line-up on Salt Spring.

A number of people stepped forward after a plea for volunteers to keep the league going went out last month.

Darin Craig is the association's new president and contact person for baseball registration.

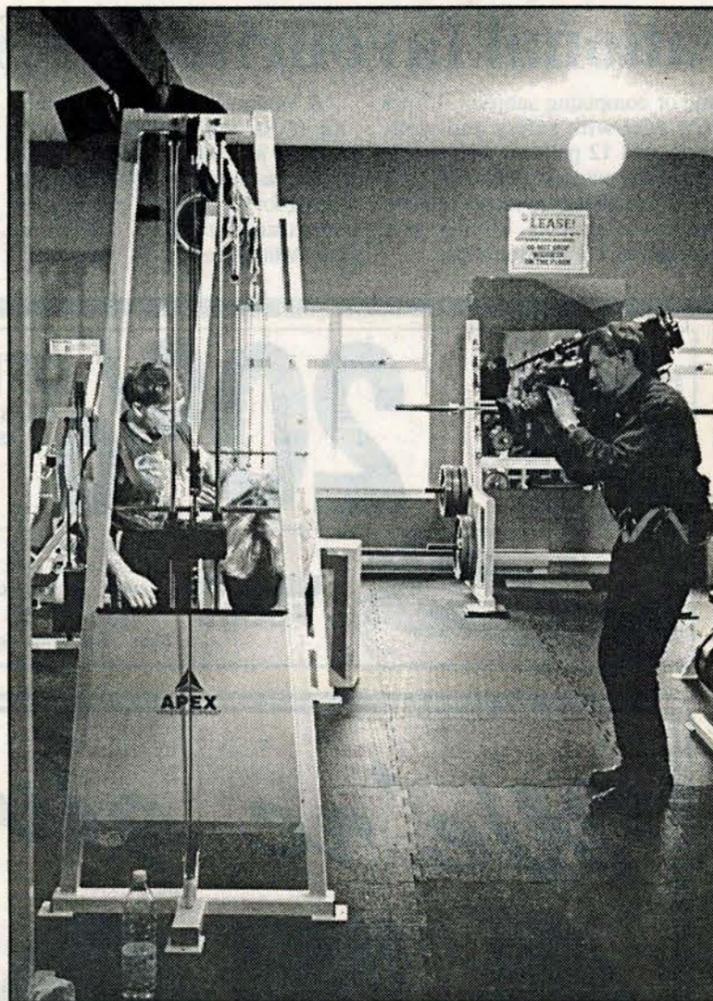
Mike Davis and Kathy Kendall are the people looking after girls softball registration.

Simon Henson is the new vice-president, Dorothy Kyle is secretary and Jeff West has taken on treasurer's duties.

Coordinators for various age groups have also volunteered. In baseball the association offers teams in t-ball, coach pitch, minor (age 9-10), major (age 11-12), prep (13-year-olds), and Babe Ruth for 14 and 15-year-olds, and for 16 to 18-year-olds. A girls softball program is also being organized.

Registration forms for the upcoming season are available at the Parks and Recreation office at Portlock Park and further details are contained in a Driftwood display ad this week.

Anyone who still has a uniform from last season is asked to call Linda Lee at 537-4668.



Island scientist filmed by 60 Minutes crew

There were lights, cameras and action on Salt Spring last week as 60 Minutes New Zealand shot a profile piece on scientist Dr. Michael Colgan, who specializes in fitness, nutrition and anti-aging.

The television crew spent three days here, capturing Colgan and numerous island sights on film.

Cameras rolled at North End Fitness which was closed for over an hour last Tuesday as crews filmed Colgan and a Victoria body-builder working out at the Ganges gym. Camera crews also captured the scenic vista offered from the summit of Mount Maxwell, and took in views of Ganges Harbour as Colgan paddled through the water in a kayak.

The cameras also came out at Dares to Be Different Organic Food Store and Restaurant when the crew and Colgan stopped there for lunch.

Colgan's wife, Leslie Colgan, was filmed as she and Michael demonstrated testing techniques used on athletes, and their entire family was filmed one evening as they ate dinner.

"I served salmon," Leslie said.

"It was very Canadian."

The Colgans, originally from New Zealand, moved to Salt Spring close to 18 months ago from the United States where they founded and ran the Colgan Institute.

They semi-retired to the island, delegating the institute's products division, and working on the writing side of their health-oriented careers.

Michael has penned several best-selling books in recent years, including *The New Nutrition*, *Hormonal Health* and *Optimum Sports Nutrition*. He also travels the world lecturing.

As Leslie noted Monday, her husband is participating in a cross-Canada lecture tour this week. A few days after he arrives home, he will fly to New Zealand, and then take part in a lecture tour in Florida before flying off to Australia.

Leslie is busy as well, parenting Megan, 14, and Tammy, seven, and writing the *Colgan Chronicles*, a health magazine which appears eight times a year. She also runs the institute.

VIEWFINDER: A cameraman for 60 Minutes New Zealand, Bill Blair, films Dr. Michael Colgan and Victoria body-builder Michelle Benson at North End Fitness last Tuesday. The filming was part of a profile piece on Colgan being created by the television program.

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Belly dancing tops recreational favourites on Salt Spring

Belly dancing is still among the most popular courses offered by the Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC), noted programmer Alex Palmason at a February 9 meeting.

Also topping the list of 147 courses

being offered in the winter session are gymnastics, basketry, dance, judo, yoga and cooking dinner.

Of the courses offered, Palmason reported 45 per cent relate to arts and culture, 20 per cent are academic or computing subjects, 15 per cent deal with safety and well-being, and 12 per cent with sports, fitness and outdoor recreation.

The remaining seven per cent are courses on cooking, driving, skin care and tarot, Palmason added.

A Wellness Fair co-sponsored by the PARC will be held March 28 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Palmason is now organizing programs for the summer brochure and advertising for courses and instructors with a deadline of February 27

for people to suggest ideas.

Also under way for the summer is the hiring of lifeguards and instructors. The pool will be open from May 16 to August 28. School lessons are being organized for May 19 to June 26.

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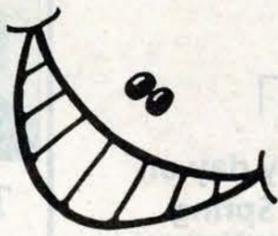
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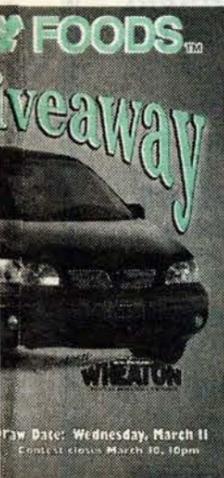
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Back-to-back win and tie bring Slugs' undefeated streak to nine

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

The Slugs pulled another rabbit out of the hat this week with a win and a tie in back-to-back games to push their undefeated streak to nine games.

But it wasn't easy.

The first game was versus the Mill Bay Saints on Valentine's Day evening. While most Slugs may be kings of their castles, most of them were wise enough to skip this match and stay home with their "keepers of the drawbridge." This meant that a spartan crew of only four Slugs ventured forth for the match.

In attendance for the debacle were Paul Sinclair, Pete Schure, Don Sevigny and Paddy Akerman. Along the way the Slugs picked up Brad Johnson to play goal and one other forward to fill out the roster. This was all they would need as the boys did the unsaintly thing of defeating the Saints by a score of 10-6. Scoring for the good guys were Schure with five markers, Akerman with two and Sinclair with one goal and two assists.

The second game, against the Mill Bay Jets, saw the full squad of regulars back in the lineup and raring to go. It showed right off the bat, too, as Akerman put the Slugs on the board just 50 seconds into the match on a beautiful passing play from both Blaine Johnson and Sinclair. This really pumped up the lads and they took command of the play, peppering the Jets netminder with shots.

Things were looking so good for the Slugs by this point they even figured it was safe to stick Deadstop out for a shift. After all, what could go wrong in one little shift? Plenty.

When the smoke cleared after the Wobbly One came back to the bench, the Jets had pumped in two fast goals and put the Slugs back on their heels a bit. Slugs netminder Derek Topping felt pretty bad about the two quick goals and in an effort to boost his confidence his teammates told him we were behind him all the way and that he was as good as any 75-year-old Swedish goaltender you could name. This bit of psychology really paid off as Topper closed the door on the Jets until the period's end and the rest of the team took over.

Some tenacious forechecking on the Slugs' part paid off with

SLUG TRAIL

a power play when one of the Jets was called for hooking. Once under way, the Slugs hemmed in the Jets and put on some tremendous pressure. They struck gold when Sinclair snapped a solid pass to Johnson in the corner and from that vantage point Johnson wired a pass to Pete Huser out in front. He quickly stuffed it in the short side.

Huser liked all the adulation so much that he decided to try his hand again early in the second period. It paid off as Sinclair held the puck in and fed it to Akerman. Seeing Huser posted in front of the net, Akerman fed him a perfect pass which Huser drilled along the ice to give us the lead. This restored the team's confidence, enough so that they even let Deadstop out for another adventure. This time, for some odd unknown reason, he didn't mess up and even got an almost-decent shot on net after Johnson set him up in the slot. Johnson, who put in an excellent game all round, later explained his rationale of passing to Deadstop as being the result of second hand smoke and he said it wouldn't happen again.

The boys kept up the pressure on the Jets and once more we got results. This time it was Paul Reynolds who scored with

a backhand shot after being set up by Schure.

With a two-goal lead the Slugs went from being confident to sloppy in their own zone and before they knew what hit them the Jets stormed back to make a game of it, scoring twice before the end of the period to send them into the final period tied at four goals each.

The line of Schure, Brad Patchett and Dillon Chimes were all over the ice in this match. Patchett made some beautiful, sweeping poke-checks to break up plays and the other two also did some great playmaking in the Jets' end of the rink.

Not long into this period Chimes managed to poke-check the puck away from the netminder, then feed it out to Schure who smoked it past the goalie to put us ahead.

But then for some inexplicable reason the Slugs once again folded up and let the Jets back into the game. Two unanswered goals in about two minutes gave the Jets the lead and some much-needed confidence.

But the Slugs, bless them, did not give up. They kept on chipping away at the Jets and, with about two minutes left in the game, Johnson got his first goal and third point of the night after being set up by both Sinclair and Huser. That put the team back on course and they very nearly won it all, taking it right down to the wire before settling for a tie.



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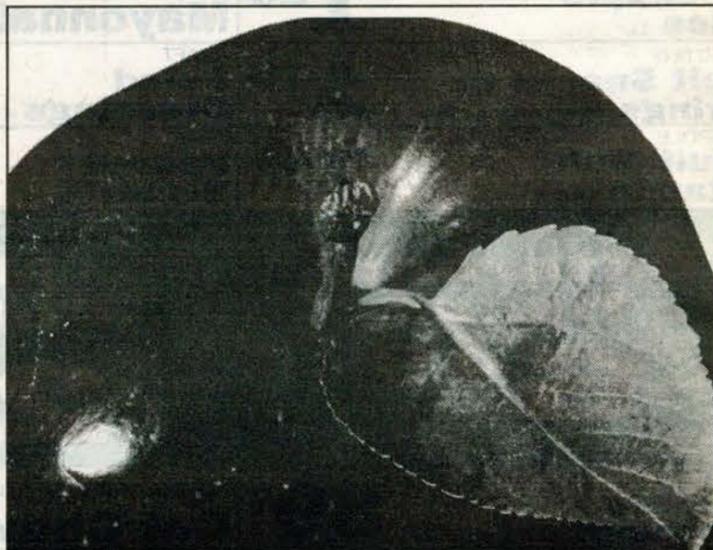


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lecting data that will help it create opportunities for craftspeople throughout the province.

"The information gathered from this survey will provide insight into the sector's size, scope, characteristics, economic status and needs," notes a CABC press release.

The CABC has anticipated three results of its survey:

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Talent, imagination creates 'feel-good' show

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

When the curtain goes up on the Newman clan and their friends, you can't help but have a good time.

Half family, half performing troupe, everyone on the stage of the Active P.A.S.S. production of *Curtain Up!* has so much fun belting out this mix of show tunes and popular standards that the show casts an automatic feel-good spell over the audience.

Opening with Kevin Wilkie's performance of the wistfully-beautiful *World of Pure Imagination*, *Curtain Up!* melds talent, clever staging and imagination into a production that seems a lot bigger than its 12-member cast and mini-orchestra.

Wilkie's invitation to step into a world of imagination is an ideal introduction as the curtains part to reveal the rest of the cast frozen in a tableau, which explodes into the lively *Backstage Babble*.

Draped lengths of cloth created an effective set reminiscent of '30s musicals, which matched the overall mood of the show — equally appropriate for the sensitive solos, the witty duets and the group numbers.

With *Could I Leave Him?*, Sue and Amy Newman sing a stingingly sarcastic kiss-off to a relationship with such lines as "Could I bury my rage with a boy half his age in the grass?" to which the musical answer is "you bet your ..." — well, perhaps it would be better not to reveal all the lyrics.

Ray Newman served up a taste of the big band era on the alto saxophone, performing *Man with a Horn*. Joining him in the mini-orchestra for the show were Virginia



ALL ABOARD FOR THE BOARDS: Filling the Mahon Hall stage with music, dance and song with an often witty variety show are the cast of *Curtain Up!*, which plays at Mahon Hall this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Photo by Valorie Lennox

Newman on piano, Ian Van Wyck on bass and Eric Donnelly on drums.

And what do performing parents do when they can't find a babysitter for their kids? They put them in the act with charming results, as demonstrated by Patrice Bowler and Dustin Van Wyck, both singing *I Won't Grow Up* and *Happy Together*, which became a tribute to stuffed toys.

Two musicals, *Sweet Charity* and *Guys and Dolls*, were raided to produce a great battle of the notes

between Lynda Jensen (*Where am I Going?/Sue Me*) and Patrick Cassidy (*Sue Me*).

Aunt and niece — but looking like two sisters with their oversized hair bows — Amy Newman and Lauren Bowler cutely carried off the slightly sad *If Momma was Married* from *Gypsy*.

Other highlights were Sue Newman's expressive, flapper-style song and dance number; a *My Fair Lady* combination; the three-part *Been a Long Day*; Lauren Bowler's tap solo; a bossa nova medley fea-

turing a Ray Newman composition; the advice in *Everybody Loves Louie* for any woman drawn to an artiste; and the clever combination of song, dance and mime to *Let's Face the Music and Dance*.

Suffering the February blahs? The feel-good *Curtain Up!* cure continues this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Mahon Hall.

Radio show on stage in innovative play

Salt Spring's enthusiastic affection for radio broadcasting will be tapped into when Salt Spring Community Theatre presents *On The Air* at Mahon Hall March 5-7.

The producers, director and cast of an innovative joint venture with the Salt Spring Radio Society are counting on local radio fans to come out and watch the show.

"It is really exciting that the theatre community is enthusiastic about the possibility of public radio on Salt Spring and is showing its enthusiasm in this very creative way. This kind of interaction benefits everyone," said Patsy Siemens, radio society board member.

The production is being staged in part as a benefit for the radio society. A portion of profits from *On The Air* will be donated to the fledgling group.

As community theatre publicist

Patricia Lockie explains, people at this show become part of a live studio audience and will see the play *Leaving Home* written by Canadian playwright David French as it is being broadcast. The play is as an intense drama about conflict within a Newfoundland family transplanted to the mainland.

"What the audience will also see is a play within a play," says Lockie.

Lockie describes yet another

novel feature of the production: local sponsors and advertisers have the chance to buy a spot of air time — a commercial to promote their services or products. These "spots" will be pre-recorded and broadcast during the intermission. Call Donna Davison at 537-5016 about buying commercial time.

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Portrait of a midwife

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artwork were seen at the clinic this weekend during midwife Maggie Ramsey's celebration and open house.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Klezmer music on tap at Moby's

Get set for something completely different at Moby's Sunday dinner jazz night February 22.

The pub has lined up The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, which is based in Toronto but has travelled the world.

By studying a variety of Eastern European music and working in jazz, world music, salsa, classical, rock and theatre groups, the band has developed an eclectic rendition of klezmer music. Through it all its six members have been busy reviv-

ing a Jewish cultural tradition, while playing almost every kind of instrument imaginable: trumpet, flugelhorn, E-flat alto horn, drums, acoustic and electric bass, clarinet, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, flute, accordion and keyboards.

A Flying Bulgar press package explains that the word "klezmer" means "itinerant musician" and the music, which has many sources, has always been in transition.

Linda Wilson of the Glasgow Spectrum wrote of the band:

"Unashamed passion and melodrama, brash and brassy, intensely rhythmic, bold and bumptious ... they took the Shetland Islands by storm."

In 1991 the band was a Juno award nominee in the best world-beat recording category; in 1993 its release called Agada was nominated best global recording for the year.

People hoping for the best seats in the house should get to Moby's early. Show starts at 8 p.m.

Stack Sisters will open for country/folk singer

The music and message of one of Canada's finest musicians comes to Fulford Hall Monday night.

According to Salt Spring Folk Club publicist Tina Mulder, the club's efforts have been richly rewarded by next week's appearance of renowned country/folk musician Gary Fjellgaard, along with the talents of the opening act, the Stack Sisters.

The thought of a country-western Juno award winner residing on Gabriola Island might seem unusual, notes Mulder, but the prairie-raised, west coast balladeer successfully marries his lifestyle and his sounds.

"His songs bridge the gap between country music and folk traditions while carrying a sense of the serene and the sacredness of nature," says Mulder.

With eight albums and a 25-year-career under his belt, Fjellgaard's music carries with it the test of experience and the critics' stamp of approval. Between 1982 and 1992, seven of Fjellgaard's songs were selected "song of the year" by various music organizations.

The lighter side of human nature will be explored by the familiar faces of the opening act. Salt Spring's Stack Sisters bring their own brand of musical humour and harmony that many residents know and love.

The entire evening's entertainment is \$15, with a 7:30 show time. Doors open at 7 p.m. Priority seating still belongs to season's tickets holders, and limited season's tickets are still available for the remaining four shows for a cost of \$54.

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Music

- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Wednesday evening is Bluegrass Music evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
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- **Alfresco Restaurant** — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Moby's Marine Pub** — Sunday Dinner Jazz with the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, February 22, 8 p.m.
- **Fulford Inn** — Unplugged with Randy, Graeme and Buck every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Originals, traditional, new and old!
- **Gary Fjellgaard** — Internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and Juno Award winner, with opening act The Stack Sisters, performs on Monday, February 23 at Fulford Hall. Show at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15, available at Salt Spring Roasting Co., Stuff and Nonsense and The Music Emporium. Presented by the Salt Spring Folk Club.
- **Salt Spring Roasting Co.** — Every Tuesday evening is the Celtic Music Circle from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Cinema

- **Fallen** — This is a classic police thriller with supernatural elements, and enough eerie jolts to keep you on edge. A detective is searching for a criminal he's already caught and already killed. First rate performances by Denzel Washington, John Goodman and Donald Sutherland. Playing Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, February 20, 21 and 24 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. 2 hours. Rated 14A, coarse language and violence. Cinema Central.
- **Amistad** — Steven Spielberg delivers the story of Africans who

win a fight on their slave ship only to battle for their freedom in court. Excellent performances, including Djimon Hounsou and Anthony Hopkins. This is an outstanding film. Playing Friday, Saturday and Tuesday, February 20, 21 and 24 at 9:15 p.m., and Monday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. 2 hours, 30 minutes. Rated 14A, violence. Cinema Central.

Stage

- **Curtain Up!** — An evening of music, comedy and dance with the Newman family and friends. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 20, 21, 22, at Mahon Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets \$12 at et cetera or at the door. Presented by Active P.A.S.S.

Family

- **Mardi Gras!** — A family fun day sponsored by the Youth of the Anglican Parish. Come join us for a day of carnival! Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church. Food, family fun, crafts.
- **Pre-School Storytime** — Mary Hawkins Library, every Monday at 10 a.m. The more the merrier!
- **Storytime at West of the Moon** — Every Tuesday morning. Ages 2 to 3, 9:30 to 10 a.m.; ages 3 to 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Join us!

Galleries

- **Thunderbird Gallery** — An evening soiree on Saturday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. Wine tasting with Steve Coopman (Pinot Noirs of the Pacific Northwest), with guest artist Emil Socher. Tickets \$25.

Community TV

- **Wednesday, February 18** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom: Ten Feet Tall. A hard look at what trou-

bled teens can find themselves up against

- 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock. An all-new program from Dave Phillips
- 7:15 p.m., Women & Violence: Education is Prevention Program #3
- 8:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji
- **Sunday, February 22** — 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock. An all-new program from Dave Phillips
- 7:15 p.m., Women & Violence: Education is Prevention Program #3
- 8:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji
- **Wednesday, February 25** — 1 p.m., Cable in the Classroom: Ten Feet Tall. A hard look at what troubled teens can find themselves up against
- 6 p.m., Talk Around the Rock. An all-new program from Dave Phillips
- 7:15 p.m., Women & Violence: Education is Prevention Program #4
- 8:30 p.m., Satsang with Gangaji

Grab Bag

- **Cultures in our Community** — Dance, dinner and silent auction — a Salt Spring Elementary School PAC social event and fundraiser at the Activity Centre on Saturday, February 21, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Featuring ethnic food, music from a variety of countries, games, auction items from \$10 to \$400, and a kid's raffle. Admission free. Everyone welcome!
- **Scouts Canada Hike for Hunger** — Church parade starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 22 from Ganges Village Market to the Salt Spring United Church. All food donations will go to the Salt Spring Island Food Bank.
- **Pancake Lunch** — Annual Pancake Lunch by the Anglican Parish at All Saints By-the-Sea on Tuesday, February 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets \$4 at the door.

Humour will 'bust winter blues'

In any season, Salt Spring humour has a ridiculous, laugh-at-itself flavour.

But assemble some of the island's silliest residents at the end of a dreary winter, add music from all over the map and there's no telling what madness will transpire.

Shilo Zylbergold and a bunch of his comedy/musical colleagues have linked arms and minds to "bust up the winter blues" with gusto this year.

March Madness, subtitled "in like a lion," takes place one night only, February 28 at 8 p.m., at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church.

Audience members will know everyone in the lineup from somewhere in the island's entertaining past. There's Henry Bade, the former Salt Lick guitarist and vocalist; Kate Bragg of Tuned Air and Paul Mowbray of Jazz Pie and the Peelers; Laurie Clarke, most recently Robin Hood in Cinderella and most famously a clown in various shows; Michael Hayes and Zylbergold from Day 1 of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society; and Hayes, Zylbergold and Clarke combining to form Folkies from Heck.

Last but not least, the 200 Kazoo Orchestra will leave the audience buzzing.

The March Madness program includes several humorous songs about Salt Spring, some written by

Hayes and Zylbergold in their hysterical society incarnation. Familiar ones are the Mind Rot song and Her Lips Said 537 But Her Boots Said 653, and the Paradise Island Shuffle from the hysterical society's Paradise Lots play.

Zylbergold notes most cast members are departing from their

previous performing personalities in March Madness, so except for tried-and-true favourite material, the audience can expect some brink-of-the-new-season risk taking.

Tickets are \$11, which includes a free kazoo, and are available at et cetera, Acoustic Planet and Stuff 'n' Nonsense.

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1. Air Force One	(-)	6. Conspiracy Theory ..	(2)
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3. Contact	(-)	8. For Roseanna	(8)
4. The Game	(3)	9. 8 Heads in a Duffle Bag ..	(9)
5. Event Horizon	(4)	10. Con Air	(-)

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Light and dark sides of love examined at Cupid's concert

Ellen Hargis and Paul O'Dette brought The Power of Love concert to Salt Spring's Baroque aficionados.

O'Dette writes: "Love — requited, unrequited, erotic and platonic — has been the primary subject of most secular song from the very beginnings of music."

Some will argue that there are only two true frequencies to human emotion: love and fear, with love being the basis of all that is benevolent in our human experience. O'Dette and Hargis brought love to life on their Cupid's concert tour.

The evening began, as does life itself, with eros erotica in I Long for thy Virginitie, followed by Henry Purcell's When First Amintas Sued for a Kiss.

Ms. Hargis is undoubtedly among the world's finest sopranos. Her whole being resonates with song, proving that a singer's instrument is so much more than just the vocal chords.

Her voice was creamy, clear and supple as she brought the old Scottish ballad Blew-Cap for Me alive in the 20th century. Purcell's Oh Mother!

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Roger With his Kisses brought smiles and chuckles to the quiet, attentive audience when with elegant poise she sang, "He sets me in his lap whole hours where I feel I know not what; Something I never felt in yours, pray tell me, Mother, what is that?"

Then she gave the stage to O'Dette.

After an introduction to the Baroque lutenists he played only five short pieces and yet communicated a world of in-depth human experience. O'Dette's lute moved from sad, questioning contemplation, through the staccato arpeggios which mimicked the logic behind decision, to tonic resolution and the hope that lies therein.

Hargis returned to the stage to sing three French songs with a flawless accent. With Ma Belle si ton Ame, Enfin la Beaute que J'adore, and C'est un Amant, Ouvrez la Porte the mood moved to serious. After a brief

intermission, Hargis and O'Dette examined the darker side of love.

The double bass strings of the chitarone expanded the soft-spoken lute into a symphony of sound in the masterful hands of O'Dette. This bold sound fit Venus and Young Adonis, which lamented the unrequited love Venus has for Adonis who fears his curse that he should die of love.

Luigi Rossi's Difenditi Amore's first stanza translates to "Defend yourself, Love! For your kingdom is lost to the fire of scorn if your passion is extinguished," and Hargis was impeccable in Italian, too. She continued in Italian with Gelosia, and even without translation this song expressed one lover's battle with the icy fangs of jealousy. O'Dette's lute whispered the secrets of love into the soul while Hargis warned away disdain in Segno, Campion Audace, and with that they exited, leaving the audience wanting more.

The encore was My Funny Valentine from 1937, and we see that "olde," middle, or modern matters not — love remains unchanged.

The show was sponsored by the Salt Spring Concert Society, which hopes to bring more world-class musicians to the island.



TEARS OF LIFE: As See-tum-kah in the Phoenix School production of Yoo-lah-teen, Elsbet Krayenhoff, 7, portrays a native woman whose tears give birth to a son. The play is based on a Coast Salish myth and was originally written by Phoenix students in 1991-92.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Phoenix students present play of traditional myth

Phoenix School revisited a tradition last week when its upstairs class produced an original version of the Yoo-lah-teen legend in play form.

Yoo-lah-teen is a traditional Coast Salish myth which is also a universal story akin to Little Red Riding Hood.

As the play's program explains, Yoo-lah-teen is a boy who overcomes the evil of Ish-me-ooth — a giant wild woman of the woods — using his courage and goodness.

Yoo-lah-teen was first written and performed by the students in Phoenix School's upstairs class in the spring of 1992. Some of those youths are now in high school.

All current class students were involved, playing parts ranging from Raven, who wore an authentic button blanket and raven mask, to forest animals and children on the beach, or forming the stage crew.

Parents and staff also devoted a great deal of time handling various tasks, from set design and con-

struction to music, costumes and directing.

Parent Kristina Estable notes authentic native designs were used when Tom Duquette created props for the play.

The class presented Yoo-lah-teen last Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Videotaping of the performances was also done by parent Peeter Prince.



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Wellness program seeks financial aid

Teaching people of all ages to take better care of themselves — and of each other — is the focus of Salt Spring's Community Wellness Program.

But to keep the program in the pink, support from the wider community is required.

"It's not just for seniors although a lot of the program is aimed at seniors," notes coordinator Sharon Glover.

So far, much of the financial support which allows Glover to work on the program three days and 18 hours a week — "on paper" — has also come from seniors.

The program has been sponsored in the past by the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and the Community Services Society. Last year the hospital contributed \$8,500, Salt Spring Seniors kicked in \$12,000 and a fall fundraising campaign raised \$5,000, much of it from seniors.

Salt Spring Seniors also provides an office and phone for the program.

In the past the program has also received a Capital Regional District (CRD) grant-in-aid, however, new guidelines introduced last year eliminate grants which helped fund salaries or which supported ongoing programs.

Salt Spring Seniors volunteer Bill Curtin hopes a broader awareness of the program will allow more islanders to take advantage of the workshops and information sessions organized by Glover, as well as build a financial base to ensure the program continues.

At present, Curtin notes, the program has enough funding in place to continue until the end of March.

The array of projects tackled by the Salt Spring Community Wellness Program is widespread. "It keeps changing and growing," Glover observes.

There has been training in arthritis self-management, information on hearing loss and aging, nutrition, medication, shingles, eye problems and osteoporosis. Services coordinated by Glover include mammography screening and breast self-examination clinics, blood pressure clinics, a telephone reassurance program, senior peer counsellors, a friendly visitor program, a wellness advisory committee and a menopause support group.

Coming up on March 7 is an education day on dementia.

"The Community Wellness Program serves hundreds of people — easily," Glover says.

She is also working more closely with the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission to offer more wellness education programs to the community.

But the program is one which is still at risk of being cancelled, no matter how useful it is to the community. Since 1992, it has survived through a blend of donations, government grants and health care funding.

But government cutbacks could affect the program's budget and grants are becoming scarce.

Curtin points out last fall's fundraising effort was hampered by the postal strike and ongoing fundraising will be required to keep the program in place.

Glover would also like to see more secure funding for a program which helps people learn how to take better care of themselves. "However it happens, it would be nice to know the program is going to be in place year after year," she said.

She invites anyone interested in any of the wellness programs to contact her at 537-4607. If people want to support the service, they can drop off tax-deductible donations to the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society at 379 Lower Ganges Road.



Partners no longer in crime

Island midwife Maggie Ramsey, right, and assistant Julia Atkins celebrate the legalization of midwifery and the opening of Ramsey's new clinic at an open house Saturday. The event was attended by numerous well-wishers plus many of the children Ramsey delivered over the past 20 years on Salt Spring.

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- * **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- * **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- * **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- * **CLIMBING WALL HOURS:** Thurs. & Fri. 6:30 - 9:30pm. Full equipment chg. \$2.50. **CLUB NIGHT:** Sunday 6:30-9:30pm.

TAKE NOTE

OF THESE DATES

- FEB. 18:** SSI Garden Club, All Saint's-by-the-Sea, 1:30pm.
- FEB. 23:** Lady Minto Hosp. Aux. general meeting, United Church Hall, 2pm.
- FEB. 24:** Anglican Parish pancake lunch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 11:30am-1:00pm.
- MAR. 7:** Dementia-caregiving & communicating, Lions Hall, 10am-4pm, Free!
- MAR. 25-APR. 3:** Mobile Mammography Unit, behind Lady Minto Hospital.
- MAR. 28:** Wellness Fair, Activity Centre, 10am-3pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY**
 - Seniors & Alzheimers support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am
 - Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
 - Stamp Collectors all ages, SS Seniors, 10am.
 - Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)
 - Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
 - Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
 - O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)
 - Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - SSI Painters' Guild meetings, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon
- EVERY THURSDAY**
 - Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm (second Thurs. of the mo.)
 - Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.
 - Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.
 - Reading Club for 7-12 year olds, Library, 1:30-2:30, July 10-Aug. 14.
 - Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.
 - SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00
- EVERY FRIDAY**
 - Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm.
 - Games afternoon, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg 12:30pm.
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
- A Course in Miracles, study group, 552 Rainbow Rd. #A, 10-11:30.
- Smiles Café, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
 - Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- EVERY MONDAY**
 - Free blood pressure clinic, SS Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)
 - Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
 - Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
 - OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
 - Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am
 - Spanish conversation group, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)
 - SS Weavers & Spinner, @ Farmers' Ins. to use the library, 10:30am (every 2nd Thurs.)
 - SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.
 - Bandemonium, Meaden Hall, the Legion, 7-9pm.
 - Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm
 - Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford hall, 2pm.
 - Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
 - Authumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.
 - Children's storytime, Mary Hawkins Library, 10am.
 - Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12pm (3rd Mon. ea. mo.)
 - Grief Recovery seminars, United Church, 7pm (Jan. 19-Feb. 23)
 - Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.
- EVERY TUESDAY**
 - Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
 - Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.
 - Target Archery, Fulford Hall, 4:30-6. Archery lessons 3:30-4:30.
 - Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm
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Capital Regional District Parks (CRD Parks) is responsible for protecting and managing 8,300 hectares of regional parkland. The protection and management of this parkland is guided by the 1987 Official Regional Parks Plan (ORPP). For the first time in ten years, CRD Parks is updating the ORPP.

CRD Parks would like to hear your ideas and comments about the future of your regional parks. Public open houses will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and public meetings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the following dates and at the following locations:

DATE	LOCATION
Monday, March 2	Mayne Island - Mayne Inn
Tuesday, March 3	Pender Island - Pender Island Public Library
Monday, March 9	Galiano Island - Galiano Island Community Hall
Tuesday, March 10	Saturna Island - Saturna Island Fire Hall
Thursday, March 12	Salt Spring Island - Gulf Islands Secondary School

For more information or to receive the information newsletter, please call 478-3344.

Jeff Ward, Supervisor
Planning and Conservation Services
CRD Parks
490 Atkins Avenue
Victoria BC V9B 2Z8

Phone: (250) 478-3344
Fax: (250) 478-5416
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Announcements

6 DEATHS

WHYTE: PAULA Linda, (Wali) passed away peacefully at Victoria General Hospital February 11, 1998. Born in Estonia in 1923, Paula was predeceased by her husband Ken Whyte. Paula is survived by her loving family Diane (Bob) Oldham, Lorne (Ayn Marie) Whyte, grandchildren: Kelly, Tammy, Deva, Cheryl, Lisa, Darren, Paul; 5 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Bessie Smith, cousins: Aino, Enno, Lembi, Matti, Peeter and Velma. Paula will be greatly missed by all her relatives and many friends. The friendship and caring support given to Paula by her "special" neighbours is very much appreciated by the family. A memorial service will be held at Salt Spring United Church, 111 Hereford Avenue, Ganges, Tuesday, February 24 at 1:45 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Heart & Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice.

SCHUBART, HENRY: Taken by a heart attack Sunday, February 8. He was born in New York City August 15, 1916. His engagement with architecture began before he was seventeen as an apprentice to Frank Lloyd Wright. The San Francisco Bay Area was the location of his early practice which extended to hospitals, churches, schools and other public buildings. He was active in anti-war, civil rights and planning affairs while he lived there. The same concerns have been important to him since the family came to Salt Spring island in 1968. Hank's unique dwellings are numerous on Salt Spring as well as the outer islands, Vancouver Island, the mainland and places as distant as the Bahamas. He is survived by his wife, Maggie; a brother Mark; daughters Mallory Pred, Linda Hawkins and Gabrielle Schubart; sons Peter, Michael, Daniel, Matthew, and Paul. His grandchildren are Martin Jones, Tobias Hawkins, Sarah Schubart, Willa Walter and Laura Schubart, all residing in the San Francisco Bay Area. Grandson Adan Schubart, living in Washington State, and Noah Pred of Vancouver and Neva Hawkins in Scotland, complete the family list. Hank was emphatic about keeping his final arrangements private. The family have decided to undertake the publication of a book that will record his work and celebrate his life.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

WE WERE impressed that so many celebrated Valentine's Day. Thank you for making your Valentine's selection at the Card Capital... Salty Shop!

IT WOULD be impossible to personally thank all those who in some way participated in celebrating my 80th birthday. A special thanks to the Fulford OAP for all the goodies provided and the time spent preparing for the afternoon. To the members of my family for the love & thoughtfulness to me. It was a memorable day, one I doubt I shall ever forget. Thank you one and all. Jean.

10 CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Angel girl. Don't let your wings cramp your style. Love and Light Forever. Case.

11 COMING EVENTS

PLANNING AN event? Check the Community Calendar for a schedule of community events and avoid double-booking. Located at the Driftwood Office, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

CAROLE MATTHEWS Psychic taking appointments month of February, 537-2031. Join Carole on the Messenger Files radio show, AM 900, Saturday, 7-9 p.m. Call 1-888-594-8255.

11 COMING EVENTS

ARTCAMP '98 JULY 19-23, 26-30, August 3-7, 8:45 - 4:00 p.m. daily. A unique and exciting opportunity for children ages 6 - 12 years to experience the creative and performing arts. Sculpting, painting, music, theatre. Swimming daily. Professional instructors with student assistants. Call 537-1211 for brochure.

GARY FJELGAARD plays Fulford Hall! Salt Spring Folk Club presents Gary and the Stack Sisters on February 23. Doors open 7 p.m., show at 7:30. Tickets, \$15. Season Tix - 4 shows for \$54. All tickets available at SS Roasting Co., Stuff & Nonsense & The Music Emporium.

THE CANADIAN CANCER Society will be hosting a Quit Smoking Programme called Fresh Start. Seating is limited so you must preregister by February 20, 1998. The cost of the course is \$50 (non-refundable) which includes costs of materials. Dates and times will be posted at a later date. To register call Alice at 537-4394 or leave a message.

MICROSOFT EXTREME, expose yourself to the latest computer products and technology Microsoft has to offer. Come to the PUGS January meeting and see the video of this super-charged event that was broadcast live to theatres across North America last November. Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p.m. Seniors for Seniors. \$2 admission includes tea or coffee and cookies. Check out our website <http://www.saltspring.com/pugs>

THE ORIGINAL Fulford Inn Outdoor Market returns May 3. For info/input call Lance or Elaine, 537-0710.

ANNUAL PANCAKE Lunch by Anglican Parish at All Saints by-the-Sea. Tuesday, February 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$4. at the door.

SALT SPRING Festival of the Arts Society's Annual General Meeting, March 5, 7:30. Gulf Islands Secondary School Library. Everyone welcome.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION Coffee House at the Core Inn. Poetry * Music * Entertainment. Saturday, February 28, 1998. 7:30 p.m. Mainly Youth Performers (young punks) with a few adults (old farts). Everyone Welcome.

CLASSICAL BALLET - Ballet Jazz. Children and adults. All Saints By-the-Sea. Ongoing classes Wednesdays & Thursdays. Call 537-4674, noon to 5 p.m., for registration.

MOMS & CHILDREN, girls & boys, ages 2 1/2 - 5. Come and have fun learning and sharing the basic movements of dance and rhythm. Moms & children doing it together, a fun way to co-ordinate mind and body. Call 537-4674, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. On-going classes All Saints. Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

GARDENING with the nature spirits - abundant and beautiful circles. Wednesday evening sessions, 7:30 - 9:30 starting February 25. 653-4250. Other classes by arrangement.

SCOUTS CANADA "Hike For Hunger" and "Church Parade". Sunday, February 22, 9:30 a.m. Starting at G.V.M. through Ganges to United Church. All food donations will go to S.S.I. Food Bank.

MAIDAY MAIDAY Public Forum, March 14, 1998, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., All Saints by-the-Sea. Coalition to expose Multilateral Agreement on Investment. Info. Valerie, 653-4017.

TICKETS STILL available at the door! \$5./session. Building Bridges... The Parent-Child Connection with Parent Education Counsellor Allison Rees. February 20th and 21st, GISS Multi-Purpose Room. Managing Feelings Through Communication, Friday 7 pm. Sidestepping the Power Struggle, Saturday 9:30 am. Self-Esteem in Parent and Child, Saturday 1:00pm. Call Holly 537-1538 for more information.

11 COMING EVENTS

UNRESERVED Truck & Construction Equipment Auction, Mar. 9, 1998. Selling on behalf of The City of Calgary, Telus, TransAlta and other consignors. Partial listing includes: 91 John Deere 644E; 91 Komatsu, WA250-1 wheel loaders; Cat 140G grader; 95 Cat CP563C packer; 98 Kenworth T800 and 94 FLD 120 T/A tractors, 98 Canuck 28' T/A and 32' triaxle end dumps, etc. Information/brochure 1-403-269-6600. Fax 1-403-266-6745. Home page <http://www.bmlive.com/CPA> E-mail: cpa@bmlive.com.

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Call 653-4364 to register.
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Ganges Physiotherapy Clinic
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Heather & John Neville will be the new Therapist owners. They are both very experienced therapists and will provide you with excellent care. I have enjoyed my 10 years at Ganges Physiotherapy Clinic and THANK YOU for your overwhelming support.
Margaret Gilchrist

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LAST THREE NIGHTS

ACTIVE P.A.S.S. presents

Curtain Up!

An evening of music, comedy & dance

Feb. 20, 21, 22

8pm Mahon Hall
\$12 at et cetera or the door

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

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UNITED CHURCH HALL
Visitors Welcome

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Via Cape Horn

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Sat., Feb., 28, 7 PM
Ganges United Church

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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RIGHTS FROM THE HEART

a series of NFB animated shorts, inspired by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, will be broadcast on SS Cablevision tonight, Feb. 18, at 7:00pm. Children from age 5 and up will be drawn to these beautiful films, as well as teens and adults. A message of hope to improve the lives of children everywhere. Women and Violence: Education is Prevention Project, SWOVA CD & R Society.

11 COMING EVENTS

Salt Spring Centre School



OPEN HOUSE

Tues., February 24/98
7:00 - 8:30pm
355B Blackburn Rd.
Ph. 537-9130

EVERYONE WELCOME

Salt Spring Centre School is a Group 1 Independent School with B.C. certified teachers meeting and exceeding the Ministry of Education Curriculum

Pruning and Pruning Course

Offered by, Don McLeod
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Friday, Feb. 20, 7 - 9pm
Upstairs at the Farmers Institute, Theory and preamble
Sat., Feb. 21, 9 am - 12pm hands on.

Location - private residence min. 8 people, max. 10
\$35 per person including hand outs

Don has 35 years of horticulture experience, 23 of them include tree pruning. IPM - Integrated Pest Management, an environmental approach to pest management.

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- Mon:** 9:15 am - Fitness Light
4:30 pm - Hi-Lo
6:45 pm - Step II
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9:15 am - Super Circuit
5:45 pm - Boxersize!
- Wed:** 9:15 am - Fitness Light
4:30 pm - Interval Step
- Thurs:** 6:45 am - Sunrise Step
9:15 am - Super Circuit
5:45 pm - Step II
6:45 pm - Boxersize!
- Fri:** 9:15 am - Step II
5:15 pm - Super Circuit
- Sat:** 8:30 am - Super Step
9:45 am - Stretch!

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Thur., Fri., & Sat.
Feb. 19 - 21

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14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings 8 p.m. Thursday, in back of et cetera building, off Rainbow Road.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-888-324-3299.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Edwina MacLean, 537-4316.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264.

14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION "CATCH THE ISLAND SPIRIT"

Donations of cash, property or life insurance now or through your estate will help enrich the lives of Salt Spring Islanders for generations to come. "In Memoriam" gifts will be acknowledged with a card. Include names and addresses of recipient, next of kin and donor for tax receipt. Scholarships, land for parks, and relief of hardship are but a few directions in which your foundation serves the community. Please mail donations and requests for information to The Salt Spring Island Foundation, #2 - 110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2S5 or call Bob Rush at 537-2501.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

Salt Spring 537-2270

Galiano 539-2222

Pender 629-6946

Women's only - Thursday nights 5:15 p.m. Please call 537-1733 or 537-2993.

Alanon/Alateen - A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 653-4288 or 653-2030.

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29 LOST AND FOUND

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LOST: GOLD pineapple on chain. Sentimental value, reward. 653-4500.

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LOST: DIAMOND ring, gold band with etching and single diamond. Lost early January. Possibly lost at Moka House or Roasting Co. 537-0840.

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

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the Salt Spring Island Conservancy
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42 TRAVEL

FLORENCE TRAVEL/study tour to study Italian Renaissance and its influence on western culture. Interested? Check website <http://www.mala.bc.ca/~black/lb/sthome/abroad.htm>, or call Dr. John Black (250) 753-3245, local 2171.

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42 TRAVEL

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SALT SPRING Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission is now accepting applications for full and part-time lifeguards and swim instructors for the 1998 summer season. Applicants require current: N.S. CPRC, WSI II, First Aid Certificate and Lifesaving Instructor. Other certificates as pool operators I & II, ALT, NCCP and water fitness would be an asset. Submit resumes and a copy of current awards to: SSI Parks, Arts and Recreation, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, SSI, V8K 1K3. Application Deadline: February 27, 1998.

55 HELP WANTED

INSTRUCTORS WANTED! S.S.I. P.A.R.C. is looking for recreation and arts instructors for our summer programs. Contact Alex at 537-4448 to make an appointment with your course proposal. Deadline is February 27.

WANTING FRIENDLY dance instructor: modern, musical theatre, jazz, Flamenco. 537-5790.

FRAMING ASSISTANT. Must have helped frame house to completion, have tools, experience, punctuality, reliability. Experienced only. \$12 hr. 537-4942.

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IF YOU are interested in the Travel Industry and enjoy sales, we have an opportunity for you! *No experience necessary. *Ongoing training available. *Potential for great earnings. Please drop off resumes at Uniglobe Travel, located in Creekhse, next to Island Star Video.

SEEKING TUTOR to provide German lessons. If interested please call 537-8893.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for the Core Inn Youth Project. 537-9932.

COOK'S HELPER, energized, quick bunnies only need apply! Drop off resume with phone number to Fulford Inn. Candidates will be called.

LOOKING FOR a person to work in our daycare at our new aerobics studio for three morning classes and two late afternoon classes. Good for student with a spare in the morning or someone looking for a little extra cash. Salary includes North End membership! Please apply in person to North End Fitness with a brief resume.

CREATIVE? LOVE Colour? Part time work available immediately painting functional ceramics. Turtle Craft & Co. South end. 653-2005.

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60 WORK WANTED

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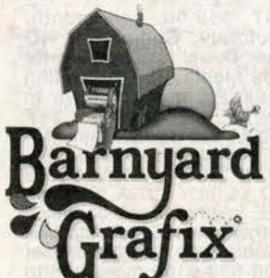
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Youngsters can learn to weave

Young people will get a glimpse into the effort and challenge of creating cloth from fibre, thanks to the Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild.

The guild is offering Saturday spinning lessons and Wednesday afternoon weaving lessons for young people aged eight to 18, which will teach the basics of both crafts.

The courses will also help students understand how cloth and clothes are created, noted guild member Mary Paddon. In a time of machine-spun and woven fabric, with cheap clothing available off-the-rack, it is easy to overlook how pervasive hand spinning and weaving was and how much effort went into keeping people clothed.

The beginners spinning classes will be held at The Sophisticated Cow on Hereford Avenue from 10 a.m. until noon starting February 28 and continuing on March 7, 14 and 28. Students will receive one-on-one instruction and spinning wheels will be provided to allow them to practise at home.

Students who already have spinning wheels in their homes are encouraged to use them so more young people can participate.

The weaving class will start February 26 and continue for five more Wednesdays between 3:30 and 5 p.m. If required, an additional class will be scheduled.

Students will be able to use looms owned by the guild and both those with previous experience and those new to the craft are welcome.

Paddon noted that the majority of guild members are 40 years of age or older and the classes are one way to introduce young people to the art. "Where are younger people going to learn weaving and spinning if we don't teach them?" she remarked.

The guild has offered classes in the past as part of its educational focus, she noted.

Two young people planning to take the class are eight-year-old Thea and 12-year-old Oban Stone, both of whom have tried spinning at home.

"I just make a point of putting things in our life that are really basic skills," mother Sazjo Stone remarked.

Thea enjoys spinning and also likes knitting, in addition to other crafts, so spinning will give her a chance to create yarn for knitting.

Oban is more interested in learning how to weave. "It's fun," he said.

Each course is \$40, which covers the cost of all materials. For students interested in continuing to spin or weave after the classes



SPINNING IT OUT: Thea Stone, 8, and brother Oban, 12, demonstrate the traditional art of spinning. Both plan to participate in classes offered later this month by the Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

are over, volunteer mentors from Sophisticated Cow at 133 the guild will be available. Hereford Avenue or call 537- To register, drop by The 0070.

Watching seabirds gives 'pleasure of discovery'

By **LINDA CANNON**
Driftwood Contributor

Observing nature can be calming and exciting at the same time.

When we take a moment to appreciate the natural world it usually brings us a sense of peace and yet when we notice something we haven't seen before there's often a thrill of discovery.

Chances are, of course, your discovery has already been documented, but it doesn't really matter. You experienced it on your own and that somehow gives you insight, like another piece of the puzzle has been handed over.

As a young girl in Victoria I spent a lot of time at Cattle Point, intrigued by the life in and around the ocean. Even then the city's pollution had sucked the life out of the tide pools and I rarely saw a harbour seal or an eagle.

What was there in abundance were "ducks." At the time I didn't know there were different species of seabirds; I was only eight or so and no one had explained that to me. I could see for myself, though, that these ducks didn't all look or act the same.

Mallards I knew because my parents had pointed them out on Sunday excursions to Beacon Hill Park. But what about the others?

Speckled, spotted, short-necked, long-necked, chubby, skinny ... so many different

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types were there, especially in the winter and spring. It was just like watching people at Crystal Pool.

Some birds were bold, others shy. Some dived, some didn't. Some snorkelled, sticking their heads in the water as they paddled along to see what was down below. I loved that.

Another type caught my attention because they were big, sleek and terrific divers. (That reminded me of the pool, too.) These birds, however, had startling black-and-white bodies, long necks, thin yellow bills and red eyes.

Years have passed and thanks to other people's studies I now know those big, handsome birds were Western grebes. They're the largest grebe of the five species of grebe found here and are of special concern because thanks to habitat loss only four active group nesting sites are left in British Columbia at Shuswap, Okanagan, Kootenay and Duck lakes.

There's lots more interesting facts about these birds (like the way they carry their young ones piggy-back) but I'll leave it to you to look that up or, better still, to go see for yourselves. The data may have already been recorded, but the pleasure of discovery can still be yours.



Western grebes

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A look at morality: public and private

A slightly different spin on the widely-proclaimed latest "crisis" in Washington may be of interest.

First a few disclaimers. Since I am not a political pundit, there will be no comment on the partisan fallout that has descended on the American capital. The goings-on statewide involve several large questions, including journalistic ethics, media responsibility and public response. But sexual politics is the hub of the matter. The following comments about the moral implications of the crisis in D.C. are confined to a few general observations suggested by this or similar scenarios.

No pronouncements are made here about the particulars of the case. The morals of public figures generate little interest until some alleged or clear breach of law or rumour of private scandal occurs. Although the public has clearly become jaded by repeated political scandals, it will no longer condone the behaviour of elected officials who are convicted of lawbreaking or found guilty of "moral turpitude."

Political leaders, unhappily for them, are not quite like the rest of us common mortals because their lives are not their own. High visibility is one of the great inconveniences of public office today. This increased vulnerability and mass disillusionment with the political process and the heavy risks and responsibilities of office have greatly diminished the allure of the political arena. Individuals who otherwise might prove suitable for public service look elsewhere.

Politicians are not public property and should not be subjected to invasions of privacy. But because of the perks and privileges of office and the management of tax dollars, politicians are necessarily going to be closely observed. And rightly so, for the decisions they make can affect millions of lives.

The close scrutiny of public officials in the 1990s has made it impossible to draw a clear line between the holder of office and the private person. We should have learned by now that the electorate still has behavioural expectations of politicians. Respectable behaviour, not perfection, is required of elected representatives and serious consequences may result from breaches of ethics.

In the early 1970s, the Watergate break-in changed forever the face of American politics by causing a dramatic shift in attitude that would no longer tolerate criminal activities by the government. This about-face occurred not only because the people still believe that no one in government is above the law but also because they expect public servants to behave with probity.

And just where are the role mod-

PILGRIM'S NOTES

WITH JACK McLEAN



els? We delude ourselves in thinking that we do not need them.

Role modelling, leadership and mentoring is built into the very fabric of the socialization process. It begins in the family with our parents who are our first teachers and when we "look up to" our older brothers and sisters or set an example for younger ones. It continues in school with our teachers, in places of worship with spiritual educators and is furthered in the workplace. Athletic skills are honed with the help of mentor-coaches. Like a tenacious ghost that comes back to haunt us, we are being reminded again that credibility and the maintenance of public trust are vital to good government. Broken promises do not serve.

I offer a small comment about the three-letter word that triggered all the commotion. Untamed sex has broken hearts, destroyed marriages, wrecked families and ruined careers. Illicit sex has brought down many a corrupt priest and politician.

Sex is no trifle, no scant commercial commodity, the cheap recreational sport so carelessly flaunted in the media. Sex can be like dynamite. Treat it with respect, under proper and controlled conditions, and it may help clear the way to lasting intimacy. Be careless and it just might explode in your face.

The monogamously faithful remind me of tamed horses. Without being wild, they can still run free. They have a strength and power all their own.

Truth-telling is foundational to both public and private morality. We can never get at the facts of any situation unless individuals are truthful. Courts swear in witnesses because justice cannot be served without it. Truth-telling ranks at the pinnacle of the scale of values because progress is simply very difficult without it.

Truthfulness does not mean just speaking words that correspond to the facts, as important as this is. It also means being willing to face oneself fully and fearlessly and to recognize both the virtues and vices that contend for the allegiance of the person who stares back in the mirror. Truthfulness is the first step to change. Without it, transformation cannot occur. But deeds, not words, are the most eloquent testimony to moral integrity — either for the politician or "significant other."

McLean can be reached for comment or discussion at 537-5135/9806, by fax at 537-9808 or at <jmclean@saltspring.com>

ISLAND FACES

Florence Hepburn who was born in 1910 in a "small town outside of Vancouver called Burnaby," moved to Salt Spring in 1927.

With her husband Arthur, Hepburn raised two children here and started a Christmas tree farm on Beaver Point Road. But she is most famous to the hundreds of students she taught at various schools, beginning with the Blackburn schoolhouse, between 1932 and 1972. Hepburn, who has travelled the world and now lives at Greenwoods care facility, says there is no place better to live than Salt Spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Outdoorsman presents slide show

Years of first-hand experience in the wilds of B.C. will come alive at Central Hall Sunday through the multi-media slide presentation of John Clarke.

Clarke is a B.C. outdoorsman who has put together a show called Captured Territories:

Reflections on Wilderness from the hundreds of kilometres of B.C. mountains — about 500 peaks — he has traversed.

The show takes place at 2 p.m. with tickets sold at the door.

According to a press release, the presentation covers issues sur-

rounding the current conservation scene in B.C. From pre-contact times to current land use planning, Clarke presents a magnified look into the present areas of debate.

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T-Ball & Coach Pitch	\$20
Babe Ruth Prep. (13 yr. olds)	\$60
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FOR INFORMATION CALL:

(Baseball only)	(Softball only)
DARIN CRAIG	MIKE DAVIS OR KATHY KENDALL
537-4049	537-5271

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

New registrations will not be accepted without copy of birth certificate and parent guardian signature

PERSONS STILL HOLDING UNIFORMS FROM LAST YEAR ARE ASKED TO CONTACT LINDA LEE 537-4668

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Firefighters could not save Baker home

Thirty-five years ago

A 73-year-old house, the home of Mr. C.E. Baker and his sister-in-law Mrs. Helene Baker, was destroyed by fire. The two residents escaped with only the clothes they were wearing. Although the fire department arrived five minutes after the call, the fire had spread too fast to save the home.

Thirty years ago

Beaver Point farmer Gavin Reynolds reported approximately 200 sheep were missing from his farm, having vanished from a herd of 400 sheep during the previous 12 months. He estimated the value of the missing sheep at \$5,000. Another south end sheep farmer, Robert Akerman, also reported lost stock. A mix of hunters and rustlers were blamed for the loss of livestock. Two men had been fined a year earlier for stealing sheep.

B.C. Tel's 1968 expansion program included cable installations to serve the Isabella Point, Vesuvius Bay, Ganges and Trincomali Channel areas, the addition of 100-lines to the Ganges switching facilities and equipment which would allow subscribers to direct-dial long-distance calls.

DOWN THE YEARS

Twenty-five years ago

Federal grants totalling \$58,000 were received on the Gulf Islands to finance four Local Initiatives Projects. Included were a renovation of Fulford Hall, work on Drummond Park, a special school project in Ganges which employed four teachers and some work on all school district properties. The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce was sponsoring a project to clear road accesses to public beaches. Projects were expected to employ 38 people.

Samples of Ganges Harbour water were taken by Dr. Derek Ellis of the University of Victoria as part of a monitoring program to determine the impact of a sewer system on the harbour. Samples were taken to establish a norm for the harbour and were to be followed by further samples after a sewer system and outfall had been constructed.

Twenty years ago

Parents questioned the need to build a Fernwood-area school at a public meeting in Mahon

Hall, arguing instead that the 100 students from the north end of the island could be accommodated through an addition to Salt Spring Elementary. A Fernwood parents group had conducted a poll which found 50 of 68 people polled feeling the school should not be built. Parents were told that the present school's site did not allow for an addition.

At a meeting in Sidney, Premier Bill Bennett said the policy of the government would always be to subsidize the provincial ferry system. "We treat the ferries as an extension of the highways system in British Columbia," he was quoted as saying.

Fifteen years ago

A group of Fulford residents were working out a community plan through weekly meetings. The plan was to address such concerns as future development of the village, the water supply, maximum population and the need to preserve Fulford's sea-side character. Two previous community plans had been prepared for the village but neither was acceptable to residents.

The Salt Spring Day Care Centre, located in a building at Bittancourt Road and Fulford-Ganges Road, was in danger of

being forced out by a 30-unit motel being built on the same lot. Day care owner Valerie Engels had received conflicting information about whether the day care could continue operating in the building once the motel was completed.

Ten years ago

Commuters were trapped on board the Bowen Queen and two sailings cancelled or delayed after a truck pulling a low-bed trailer was stuck on the Fulford terminal ramp. The truck, towing earth-moving equipment, was boarding the 6:30 a.m. sailing from Fulford to Swartz Bay when it hung up on the ramp and could not move either on or off the ferry. It was 10:10 a.m. before the truck was removed from the ramp and ferry service resumed.

Five years ago

Off-season vendors in Centennial Park were unhappy at being told they needed permits to sell and that permits would not be issued until April 3. However, the Market Advisory Group was reviewing the issue, including the possibility of issuing permits to allow produce vendors to sell outside the normal season.

Garden club guest discusses palms

The palm tree was the program topic at the first meeting of the Galiano Garden Club of 1998.

Tony Luca, a recent purchaser of property in North Galiano, was the speaker, showing and commenting on photographic slides he had taken in California and here and there up the coast.

Botanists have counted more than 250 species of palms, he said, and others still being identified from time to time. Considered by some to be nothing but a weed, the gracious *Washingtonia robusta* (sky duster) so common in California is a self-sower, with seedlings springing up everywhere.

The palm likes well-drained soil. Most can stand a little frost, but the combination of frost and moisture is deadly.

One of Luca's slides showed a suburban Los Angeles garden filled with palms of many kinds, a veritable jungle. The shapes and textures created by sun filtering through foliage was interesting. His slides of palms in northern gardens — Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver — showed shorter, hardier varieties with more colourful groundcovers beneath.

Bev Yeomans was acting chairwoman at the meeting. A new policy will see a different executive member in charge each month.

New options have been established for showbench displays. There is now a class for Japanese (icabana) arrangements, for swags (dried or fresh), for plant starts (from seeds or cuttings) and for potted herbs. All miniature arrangements must now be six inches or less.

The group's spring plant sale is set for Saturday, May 9 in the Lions Hall. Members are asked to make their plant starts soon.

Burns supper

It was a full house at the North Hall for North Galiano's Burns Supper again this year.

Held late to take advantage of

GALIANO NOTES

WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



the lull in supper-speakers' schedules, the popular event was held February 7, rather than January 25, the official day.

As in previous years, some food preparation was done at the hall and some by community volunteers in members' kitchens nearby. Jean Krebs was in charge of food preparation, several teen waitresses in tartan aprons got the food to the tables and the diners. Lovely flower arrangements on the tables were the creations of Aini Haksi.

Master of ceremonies was George Stephen, his nephew Robert and Robert's wife Karen were the pipers. Ken Rapson car-

ried the haggis with great ceremony. Then followed the recitation of Burns' always-popular "address," given this year by Jamie McKendrick of Sidney.

Dr. Roy Strang of Vancouver returned to Galiano after a three-year absence to give the immortal memory. Galiano's Harold Wike (of Nordic descent) gave the toast to the lassies, accepted and replied to by Nancy Bonser.

Galiano's best-known musician, guitarist Brad Prevedoros, performed and accompanied a sing-song of favourite Burns songs.

Monica Roots, teacher of Galiano's Scottish country dance group, organized the dancing — simple reels, srathspeys, jigs and some general mixer dances. Her husband Walter Roots did general organization and handled the dancing music. Arne Haksi and Bill Stafford manned the bar. One thing all there agreed upon — the evening was a lot of fun.

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Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 19th, 1998
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Greenwoods Dining Room

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

- To adopt the revised by-laws of the Society
- To not consider the transfer of Brae haven property

Copies of revised by-laws available at Greenwoods after February 11th, 1998.

VOTING PRIVILEGES:

ZONE MEMBERS: Persons who own land situated in the Gulf Islands - namely, Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano - and pay taxes thereon, who have made written applications for membership in the Society (applications available at the door).

ANNUAL MEMBERS: Persons who have paid membership dues during the past membership year which extends from the commencement of one annual meeting until the commencement of the next.

PENNY POLDEN

Chief Executive Officer

The Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society

CONTRACT POSITION

Self-starting person with excellent people skills needed for contract position in our Salt Spring Island regional office.

The work requires a person with excellent communications skills (both written and verbal), experience with public and media relations and a working knowledge of personal computers (word processing and layout).

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